

Heartland Genealogy Blog Posts

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Saturday Night Genealogy Fun

It's Saturday Night Again –

Time For Some More Genealogy Fun!!

Come on, everybody, join in and accept the mission and execute it with precision.

1) Today's challenge is to answer the question "Who Is the Earliest Ancestor In Your Maternal Family Tree?"

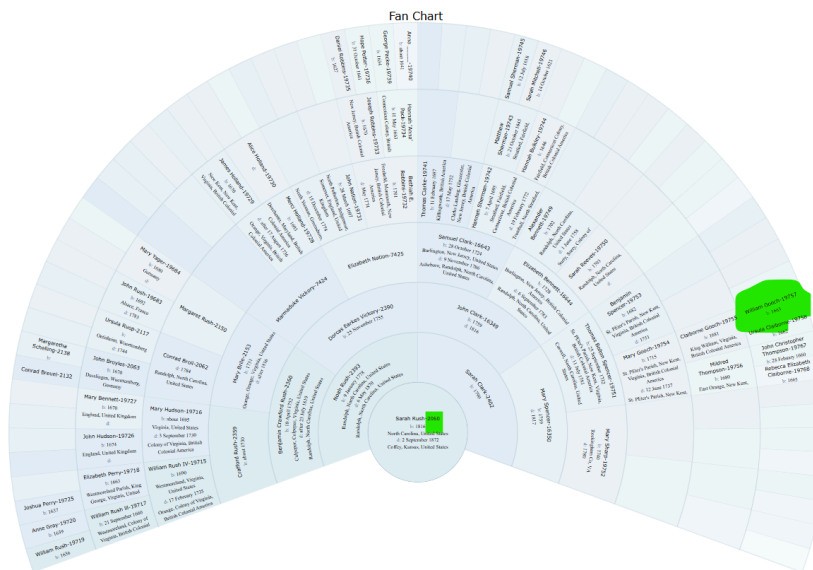
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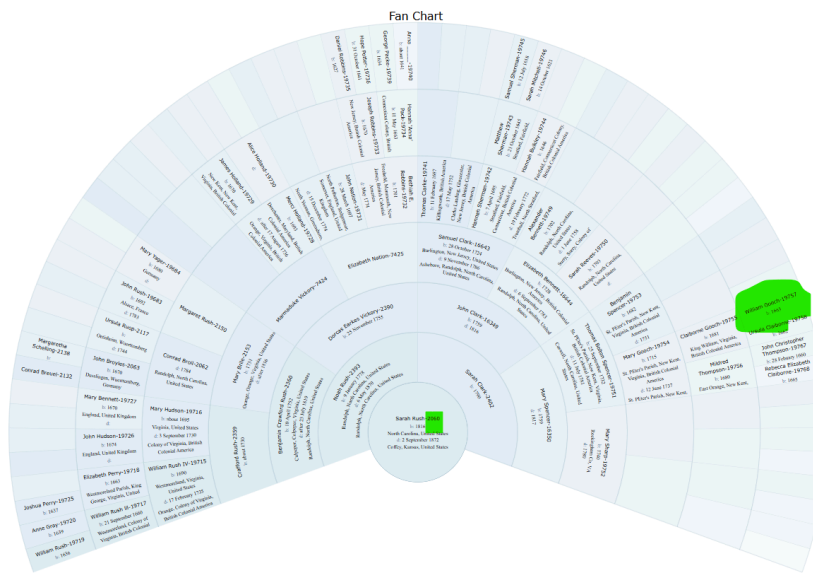
Thanks [Randy](https://www.geneamusings.com/) See <https://www.geneamusings.com/>. (and Linda) for this challenge!

When I figured out how to answer this question for my paternal side, I actually found the answer for both sides. My earliest known maternal ancestor is Peter Goodwin. He is an 11th great grandfather on my Briles line, which is a maternal line.

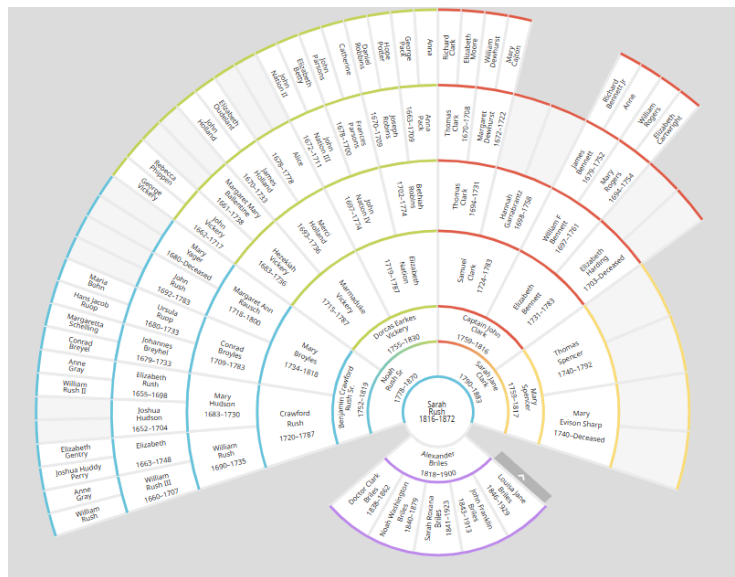
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Goodwin, Peter-19761	1579	1661
Key, Richard-19514	1568	1635
Powell, David-19270	1578	

Below are FAN Charts from my RootsMagic file showing the ancestry of my 4th great grandmother, Sarah Rush.

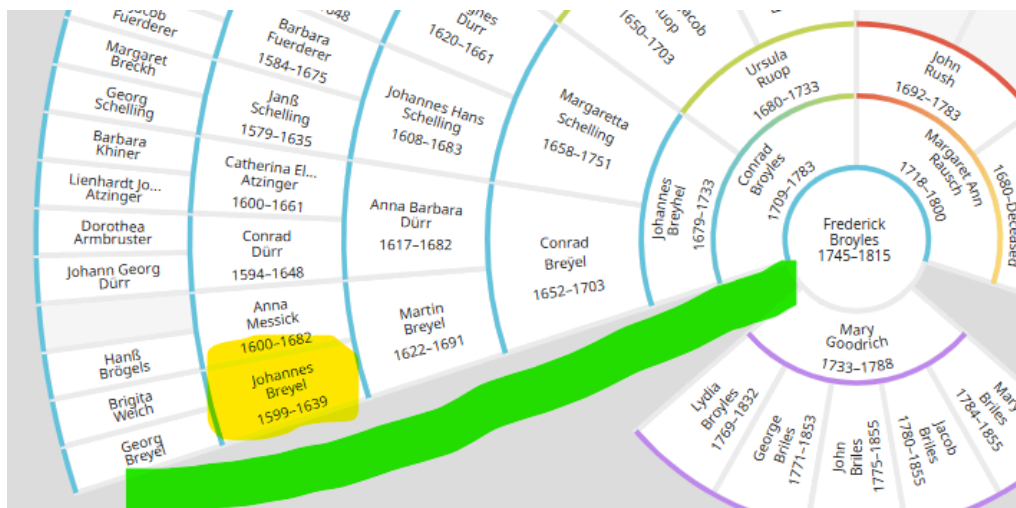


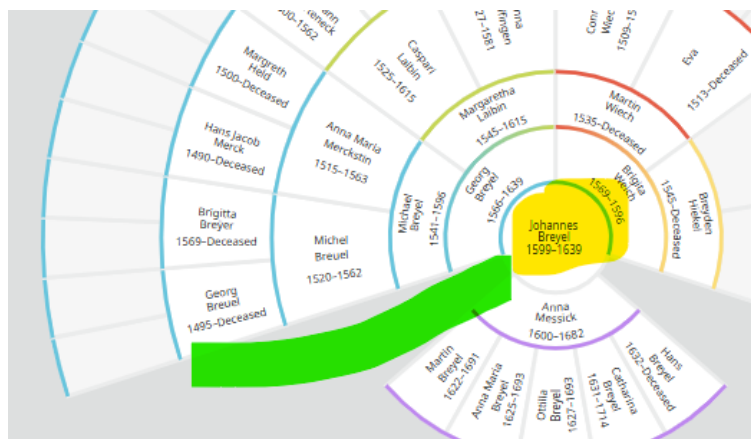


Unfortunately, I don't have this ancestry well documented. When I compared it to the FamilySearch tree, I discovered that the FamilySearch tree does not show ancestors of Thomas Spencer. Thus, the FamilySearch tree does not show Peter Goodwin as an ancestor to me.



If I use the FamilySearch tree to try and find an earliest known maternal ancestor, I can go back to the 1490s on my Briles line.





Unfortunately, I have a lot of lines going back to colonial New England. Thus, it is likely that an ancestor on one of those lines may go back further than my Briles/Broyles/ Breuel line.

With that in mind, I have to truthfully answer with 'I don't know!'

Richard Foster Deed

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This Indenture , made this Twenty ninth day of January in the year of our Lord, one Thousand eight hundred and thirteen Between John Graham of the County of Henrico and State of Virginia by Walter Dun his agent & attorney in fact , of the one part , and Richard Foster of the County of Ross and State of

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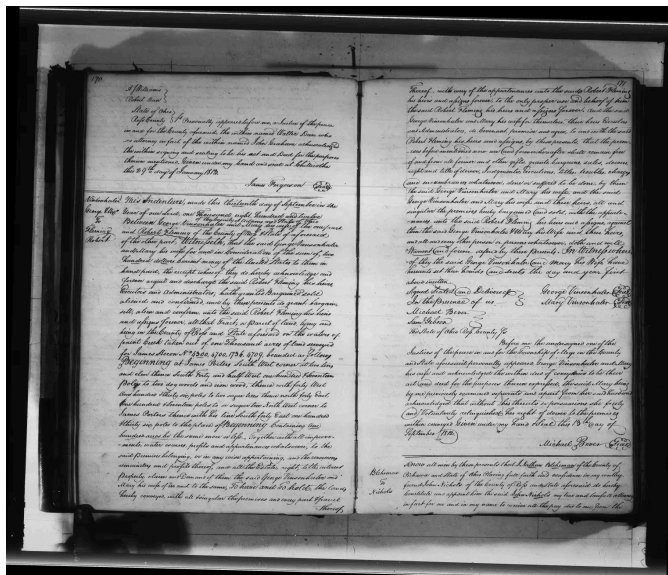
Ohio , of the other part . Whereas the said John Graham by letter of Attorney under his hand and Seal duly executed , dated the Eleventh day of August 1808 did authorize the said Walter Dun in the name of him the said John Graham to sell , and convey in fee simple , all his lands in the State of Ohio , as will appear by the records of the County of Ross where the said letter of attorney was recorded , on the fifth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eight , Now This Indenture Witnesseth , that the said John Graham by his attorney aforesaid , for and in Consideration of the sum of Two hundred & Seventy Six Dollars to him in hand paid , the receipt whereof he doth hereby acknowledge, and forever acquit and discharge the said Richard Foster his heirs Executors and administrators , hath granted , bargained , sold , released and confirmed and by these presents doth grant Bargain sell release and Confirm unto the said Richard Foster his heirs and assigns forever , all that tract or parcel of Land lying & being in the County of Ross and State of Ohio on Crooked Creek , and bounded and described as follows to wit , Begin =ning at an ash , white Oak (both down) and pin oak , southeasterly corner to the Original survey thence No 23 degrees W 210 poles to two beeches , thence S 70 degrees W 76 poles crossing the Creek to an elm and beach thence No 68 degrees W 3 6 poles to a beach and sugar tree ; thence S 20 degrees E 233 poles , crossing the Creek three times to a black oak , white oak , and hickory ; thence No 68 degrees E 114 poles to the Beginning Containing one hundred and Thirty eight acres of land (being part of the said Grahams survey No2908 and 4705) , be the same more or less according to the Boundaries aforesaid : which said Tract of land was entered and surveyed for the said John Graham on parts of Military Warrents No 4706 and No 2938 as will appear by the books of the principal surveyor for the Virginia Military lands of the Continental line . Together with all improvements and appurtenances whatsoever , to the said premises belonging or in any wise appertaining , and all the Estate , right , title , interest , claim & Demand of him the said John Graham of , in , and to the same , To have and To hold the land hereby conveyed , with all the premises , and every part and parcel thereof , with every of the appurtenances , unto the said Richard Foster his heirs and assigns forever . And the said John Graham by his attorney aforesaid for himself and his heirs , all the premises hereby bargained and sold with the appurtenances , to the said Richard Foster and his heirs and assigns , against him the said John Graham and his heirs and all and every other person or persons whomsoever , doth , and will warrant and forever defend by these presents . In Testimony whereof the said John Graham by his attorney aforesaid , hath hereunto set his hand and seal the Day and year first in this Indenture written .
Signed Sealed and delivered
In presence of

John Graham be ®
W Dun his attorney in fact

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A. J. Williams
Robert Dun
State of Ohio
Ross County } ss Personally appeared before me , a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid , the within named Walter Dun who as attorney in fact of the within named John Graham acknowledged the within signing and sealing to be his act and Deed for the purposes therein mentioned , Given under my hand and seal at Chillicothe this 29th day of January 1813 .
James Ferguson ®

Ohio, Ross. Deed and Lease Records, 1798-1925; general index, 1797-1937 and index to deeds and leases of the city of Chillicothe. Film #008193280. Richard Foster, 29 Jan 1813; Vol. 11: age 168-170; digitized images, FamilySearch <http://www.familysearch.org> See



War News

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Chance for Youth In Defense Schools

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Courier Tribune (Seneca, KS) 14 Jul 1941

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Leeds Method Part 2

Do you manage multiple AncestryDNA tests? If so, have you tried using the Leeds Method to analyze your close matches and organize the results into a single spreadsheet? I hadn't considered this approach until working through the Leeds Method module in Your DNA Guide's *DNA Study Group* course.

Inspired by the course, I applied the Leeds Method to the DNA matches for both of my brothers. Once I had the results, I further arranged the data to group matches by ancestral lines.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O
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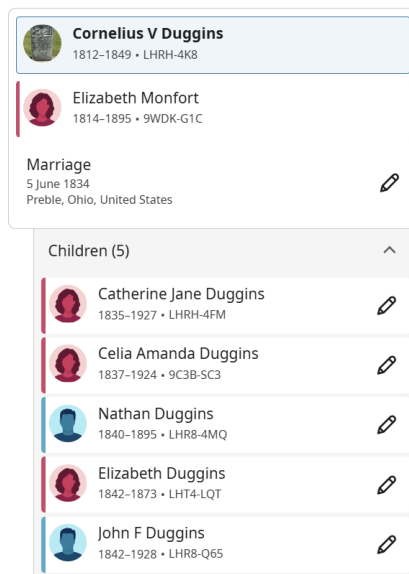
This process helped me identify a few additional cousins in my CURREY (blue) and MENTER (pink) lines. Interestingly, one match appeared in both my MENTZER and BRILES lines—a first cousin twice removed who shares both lines.

While I already knew my relationship to most of these cousins, I found that the Leeds Method wasn't as helpful in my case as using Shared Matches for deeper analysis.

Two Elizabeths

Do you use the FamilySearch tree? I often use it as a starting point, especially when doing descendancy research. Recently, I've been researching the descendants of my 4th great grandmother, Sarah Smith, thru her first husband, Alexander Duggins.

Sarah and Alexander had two sons: Henry (1788-1852) and William (1794-1872). Henry's oldest son, Cornelius (1812-1849) is believed to have had 5 children: Catherine (1835-1927), Celia (1837-1924), Nathan (1840-1895), Elizabeth (1842-1873) and John (1842-1928).



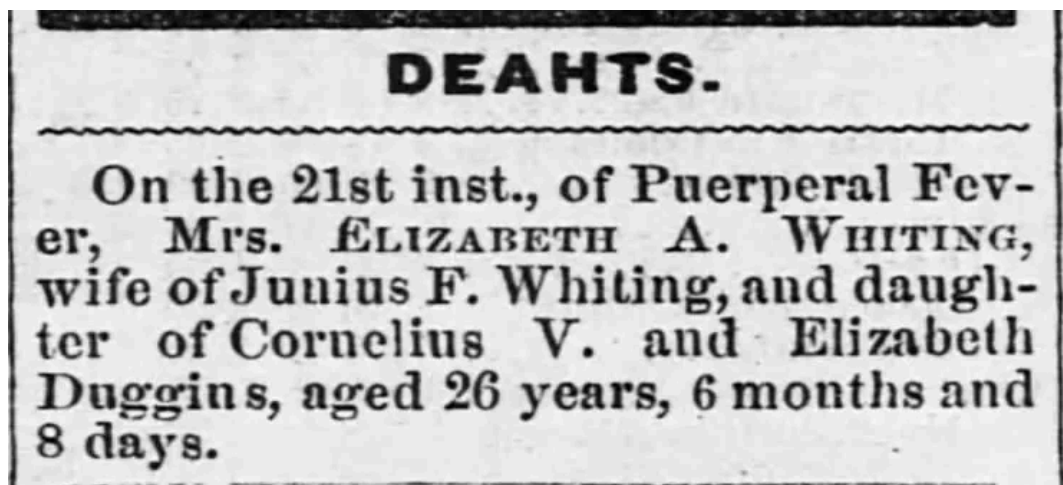
The book, History of Preble County Ohio, includes information about Cornelius' family in the entry for John F. Duggins:

Cornelius Duggins was born on March 17, 1812, on the farm in Gasper township, two miles south of Eaton, where John F. lived so many years, and grew up there and married. Later he went to Newcastle, Indiana, where his death occurred on November 17, 1849. His widow survived him many years, her death not occurring until November 4, 1895. They were the parents of five children: Catherine, unmarried, who lives in Eaton; Celia, the widow of William Barnet, lives in Cincinnati, Ohio; Nathan, deceased, who was born in 1840; John F., with whom this narrative deals, and Elizabeth (deceased), who was born in 1842 and died in 1873.

With this information as a starting point, I have identified the following events in the life of Elizabeth Duggins.

- Born 13 May 1847 in Ohio [Find a Grave Memorial 39601426]
- Listed as a 3 year old female in the household of Elizabeth Duggins on the 1850 census in Newcastle, Henry County, Indiana
- Listed as 13 year old Lybbia Duggins on the 1860 census in the household of Elizabeth Duggins in Henry County, Indiana
- Listed as a 23 year old Elizabeth Duggins on the 1870 census in the household of Elizabeth Duggins in Preble County Ohio
- Married Junius Whiting in 1872 in Preble County Ohio
- Died 21 November 1873 in Preble County Ohio [Find a Grave Memorial 39601426]
- Buried in Mound Hill Cemetery in Eaton, Preble County, Ohio

Elizabeth's Find a Grave entry includes a photo of her obituary found in the 27 November 1872 issue of the Eaton Democrat.




Unfortunately, the FamilySearch tree only has the 1850 census record attached to Elizabeth. Junius Whiting is not shown as her spouse.

☒ Show All Family Members

Spouses and Children

+ ADD SPOUSE

 **Elizabeth Duggins**
1842–1873 • LHT4-LQT


Children (0)


+ ADD CHILD

+ ADD SPOUSE

+ ADD CHILD WITH AN UNKNOWN FATHER

Parents and Siblings

 **Cornelius V Duggins**
1812–1849 • LHRH-4K8

 **Elizabeth Monfort**
1814–1895 • 9WDK-G1C

Marriage

5 June 1834
Preble, Ohio, United States

Children (5)


 **Catherine Jane Duggins**
1835–1927 • LHRH-4FM


A search of the FamilySearch tree found Junius Whiting attached to Elizabeth Anna Duggins, daughter of Alexander Samuel Duggins.

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
Spouses and Children

 **Junius Franklin Whiting**
1845–1931 • L7FZ-Q5Y

 **Elizabeth Anna Duggins**
1847–1873 • L78P-L4H

Marriage
1872


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
 **Ruth Elizabeth Whiting**
1873–1927 • L78P-L4C

+ ADD CHILD

+ ADD SPOUSE


Parents and Siblings


 **Alexander Samuel Duggins**
1808–1860 • LDQL-7D6


 **Elizabeth Dial**
1812–1860 • LDQL-89B

Marriage
1826
Green, Kentucky, United States

Children (10)

 **Thomas Duggins**
1830–Deceased • LDQL-HJB

 **Stephen Duggins**
1832–Deceased • LDQL-H2S

 **Dalilah Duggins**

Alexander Duggins' daughter, Elizabeth, has nine sources attached.

- 1850 census record for Alexander Duggen with 2 year old Elisabeth A Duggen living in Marion County, Arkansas. According to this census record, Elisabeth Duggen was born in Arkansas.
- 1870 census record for Preble County, Ohio for a 23 year old Elizabeth Duggins born in Indiana living in household of Elizabeth Duggins
- Two sources for 1872 marriage to Junius Whiting in Preble County, Ohio
- Several Ohio birth and death sources
- Find a Grave record for memorial 39601426 in Mound Hill Cemetery in Eaton, Ohio

The entries for Elizabeth's husband Junius and their daughter Ruth contain a lot of detail and sourcing placing them in Ohio and not Arkansas.

Based on the 1873 obituary for Elizabeth Duggins identifying her as the wife of Junius Whiting and daughter of Cornelius Duggins, I'm going to

- Attach my sourcing for Elizabeth Duggins to the LHT4-LQT profile (daughter of Cornelius)
- Remove the Ohio sourcing from the profile of Elizabeth Anna Duggins [L78P-L4H], daughter of Alexander Duggins
- Connect profile for Elizabeth Duggins [LHT4-LQT], daughter of Cornelius, as a wife to Junius Whiting
- Connect profile for Elizabeth Duggins [LHT4-LQT], daughter of Cornelius, as a mother to Ruth Whiting
- Remove Elizabeth Anna Duggins [L78P-L4H] as wife of Junius Whiting and mother to Ruth Whiting

Hopefully, others will accept this change.

War News

As Reported in the 3 May 1917 Issue of the Courier Democrat

WAR NEWS.

Drew McLaughlin: I have been converted to the idea of compulsory military training by selective draft. For a time I thought volunteers should be called. The Company F. recruiting office is in The World building. I have noticed that the Hiawatha young men are not responding to the call for volunteers. Each seems willing to let the other do the patriotic duty. The large number of slackers right in Hiawatha convinced me that the only fair way to secure fighting men is by having universal service with selective draft. Then the service is equally distributed.

Seneca is the most patriotic town in Nemaha County. There is no question about that. The real test of patriotism is the number of young men who are willing to bear arms to defend their country's honor. It is no trick to stand around and wave a flag and tell what you think the government ought to do with the Kaiser. Any mut can do that. The real fellow is the one who hunts out a recruiting station and says "Uncle Sam, old boy, I'm with you."

Arthur Morse, day operator at the depot, is thinking of filing an application with the department as a wireless recruit.

Lon Britt of Atchison has enlisted in Co. F. National Guard at Hiawatha.

The active co-ordination of the medical resources of Kansas is being worked out by the Kansas branch of the Counsel of National Defense. Dr. George M. Gray of the Kansas side says 1,200 physicians in the state are available from the standpoint of army service. The committee has selected Dr. Hugh Wilkinson, a Kansas side surgeon, and Dr. J. R. Langworthy of Leavenworth, to examine all physicians in the state who are ready to join the medical corps. The two physicians already hold commissions in the regular army medical reserve corps. Dr. Gray said the two examining physicians would visit all the larger counties in the state in the next few weeks. Eleven other physicians in Kansas beside the two above-named are officers in the reserve corps. This list includes Dr. W. S. Henschle of Corning, former health officer. The foregoing excerpts are from the Sunday Star. Dr. Wilkinson was in Seneca Sunday and Monday.

A branch of the Women's Division of the Navy League has recently been organized in Kansas City. The National Navy League with headquarters in Washington, D.C. is an association that wants to keep war out of the United States and believes that the surest way to do so is to maintain a navy so strong that no nation can get across the sea to attack us. It has no connection with any business or political organization. Former Seneca ladies are connected with two of these organizations. Mrs. O. H. Mack of Reno, Nevada, is state president of the Nevada branch and Miss Jennie M. Fisher of Kansas City is a member of the board of directors of the Kansas City Navy League. The Kansas City members pay dues of \$1.00. The branch will provide a knitted suit consisting of a knitted sweater, scarf and wristlets for 500 sailors. Headquarters are maintained at the Y.W.C.A. building where teachers are employed to instruct in knitting.

John Crandall and Claude Rucker went to Manhattan Saturday and enlisted in the Coast Artillery. W. C. Alstrom, commercial instructor in the Seneca High School accompanied them but did not make application. The members of the Board of Education are unwilling to release him from his contract as there are but three more weeks of school. Burdette Nash enlisted in the Coast Artillery a few days previous.

Frank Winkler who is working in the oil fields at Augusta and John LeRoy of the Sperling jewelry store have enlisted in Battery B. at Lawrence. Both will stick to their jobs until they are called.



Pearl Harbor

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Ships Sunk

- Sotoyoma – YT-9 – Harbor Tug Boat06
- Oglala – CM-4 – Minelayer
- West Virginia – BB48 – Battleship
- California -BB44 – Battleship
- Arizona – BB-39 – Battleship
- Oklahoma – BB-37 – Battleship
- Utah – AG-16 – Dreadnaught Battleship

The Courier Tribune

11 Dec 1941

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Home Boys in Sea War Zone

Many are Worried

Twenty or More Nemaha County Seamen are with Pacific Fleet

Like every other county in the nation, the hearts of Nemaha mothers and fathers are troubled by lack of news of sons who are in the Pacific zone of hostilities. The Courier-Tribune yesterday had information of at least 20 who are on sea duty in the battle ares or on the west coast. The correct number may be nearer 30. President Roosevelt explained in a radio address to the nation Tuesday night that battle information will be contingent upon two things. It will not be released until accuracy is checked. It will not be forthcoming if there is a possibility of giving aid and comfort to the enemy. It is clear that news in many cases will be long delayed.

Newspapers and radio are under a voluntary censorship. That is the reason why editors have deleted names of warcraft int he following article, with the exception of the Oklahoma and the West Virginia, said to have been destroyed or heavily damaged in Pearl Harbor.

Monday this paper printed a story from Goff that Billy Henry, formerly of that place, was aboard the Oklahoma. Today, our Bern correspondent reports that Galen Haffner, son of Alyce Haffner, was on the Oklahoma and that James Simon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Simon, was on the West Virginia.

As things stand now, it is estimated Nemaha county has approximately 285 men int he service. There are 78 men in the Navy, 61 in the Army; seven in the Marine Corps; two in Coast Guard, 72 in the National Guard and 65 in Selective Service.

Bennie Koelzer, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Koelzer of St. Benedict, is serving his second hitch in the Navy and is in his 5th year of duty. He is working as foreman in charge of diesel engine work at the Bremerton Washington Naval Station. He will likely be there till January.

Bennie Engelken, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Engelken, Seneca, is a sailor based on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Recently Bennie and Gene Henry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Henry, had a week-end together in Honolulu. Gene is also a sailor in the zone of hostilities.

Frank Fangman, son of Mrs. Joe Kramer, is aboard a USS Aircraft carrier which is now in Hawaiian waters and it is certain he is a busy young man these days. His mother had a letter from him the other day, written on Thanksgiving.

Richard Heideman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Heideman, and Leonard Koehler, son of Mr. and MRs. John Koehler, are in Frisco. Richard is a torpedoist. He just recently returned from South American waters. Leonard is in aviation. Both lads expected to be home on holiday leave but that's doubtful now.

Leander Haug, son of Mrs. Barney Haug, south of Baileyville, is aboard and American submarine last reported int he Philippine area. Leander is a son of the late Barney Haug, who drowned in the Vermillion early last summer. "Bud" Haug Leander's younger brother, was recently discharged from the Navy so that he could help his mother on the farm. He is now home.

Paul Gerber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gerber, Seneca, returned from Hawaii six weeks ago and is now doing repair work on the Naval Station base at San Diego. He had been stationed aboard an Aircraft carrier. He writes that he may be transferred to sea duty soon.

John Adam, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Adam, Seneca, has enlisted int eh Army Air Corps as a mechanic and probably is home when this goes to press. He enlisted at Kansas City.

Lieut. Francis Carter is now in service with the North Atlantic patrol. Until a year ago he had been in aviation seven years but eye trouble made it necessary for him to resign and take service with the fleet. Presumably he is now ranging the seas from Atlantic ports to Iceland.

Capt. Arlie Higgins, son of Mrs. W. H. Higgins, Seneca, is stationed in the Philippines, now under attack by bombing and invasion.

Maurice J. Hammes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allie Hammes, is either in Pearl Harbor or at sea on one of the fighting ships.

By Centralia Corespondent

When word first reached Centralia Sunday of teh treacherous attack by Japan upon Pearl Harbor and other Island possessions of the United States, the first thought that came to some as expressed by them was: "Isn't it terrible? But then it doesn't affect any in Centralia."

We find, upon looking around that Centralia as well as every community in the United States was affected. Howard O'Connor, eldest son of Mrs. Bessie O'Connor, is stationed on a supply and repair ship at Pearl Harbor. Mrs. O'Connor is a widow and has one other son, Alvin, who has been selected to report in the selective draft for service in January.

Orville Edman, son of Mrs. Lenore Edman, another widow, is in the Heavy Artillery at Ft. Mills, 30 miles form Manila.

The last known of Harold Wiseman, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wiseman, Axtell, was that he was stationed on a cruiser in Pearl Harbor. Centralia always has been his home. He graduated form C.H.S. and enlisted in the Navy from here. His parents have since moved to Axtell but are again returning to the Centralia community in the spring.

Another Centralia graduate in thee Navy from here is George Long, whose parents are now living at Goff. He was stationed in China and friends here think he is now in the Islands which have been attacked. This is not authentic.

Gerald Moore, son of Mrs. Ida Moore, Goff, nephew of the Misses Blanche, Anna and Lillie Dorman, and another graduate of C.H.S. is also stationed in Pearl Harbor. At last report he was on a destroyer.

We cannot all go to war but we can help our boys and our country by buying Defense stamps and bonds.

By Bern Correspondent

Parents, relatives and friends of Bern boys in the war are greatly concerned these days in regard to their safety. James Simon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Simon, was on the West Virginia; John and Benny Streit, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Streit, were on a battleship; Galen Haffner, son of Alyce Haffner, was on the Oklahoma; Alvin Gugelman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gugelman, and Harry Bieri, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Bieri, Seneca were on Atlantic patrol; Ira and George Bieri, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Bieri, are also in the war zone. Duane Simon is attending school in San Diego. Bob Baugh, who recently re-enlisted and is stationed on the Atlantic coast, was to come home soon on furlough. Paul Wittwer is also on the east coast.

John Milton Crandall, son of John Crandall and the late Ethel Hart Crandall, is believed to have been at Pearl Harbor; Kenneth Crandall, his brother, with the coast guard at Baltimore, was recalled from a visit at Goff.

Richard Becker, air corps, at Sheppard field, Texas, was home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed J. Becker, Seneca, and was called back to duty by wire.

Street report is that Cyril Wassenberg, employed at Honolulu, cabled relatives of safety of himself and wife.

The Sabetha Herald

10 Dec 1941

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Many Local Men are in Naval War Zone

Many young men of this area are in the Navy, some assigned to ships that have been in the thick of the Naval war zones that became active Sunday.

Melvin Grimm, son of Mrs. Nora Grimm, is attached to a ship that has been stationed at Pearl Harbor, so vigorously attacked Sunday at Honolulu.

George and Ira Bieri, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Bieri, formerly of near Oneida now located at Lansing, Kas. are on the USS Detroit stationed at Pearl Harbor. These boys are nephews of Mrs. Henry Imthurn of Sabetha.

Lt. Horace Moulton is on the US Flagship Enterprise which has been based at Pearl Harbor. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Moulton of Sabetha. The Moultons have had no word of their son.

Floyd Perkins, son of George Perkins, who works for Watson Bros. in Sabetha is with the Marines at Pearl Harbor.

Lloyd Dirst, former Sabetha boy and nephew of Mrs. James Drolet of Sabetha, is with the Marines stationed at Midway Island, which has been reported captured by the Japanese. The report so far is unconfirmed but it is considered possible it is correct.

Yeoman Roy Pendergrass, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Pendergrass of Sabetha, is on the US Aircraft Carrier Saratoga, based at Pearl Harbor.

George Fritch of Morrill, Former Sabetha Herald employee, has been assigned to the battleship Idaho on the east coast.

Landon Howery, son of Maurice Howery of Morrill, is on the battleship West Virginia, reported sunk or disabled in the Pacific.

Milo Marion, son of A. A. Marion, of Morrill, has been on customs office duty in Honolulu.

Dale Fike, former Sabetha boy, is on the Chaumont, a Naval vessel, type not known here.

B. R. Shelhorn of Dawson is with the Marines.

Two nephews of Mrs. A. H. Engle of Sabetha, James and Duane Simon, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Simon, formerly of Bern, now of Belleville, are with the battleship West Virginia at Pearl Harbor.

Delbert Phillips, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Phillips and brother of Mrs. Joe Bockenstette of Sabetha is stationed at Pearl Harbor.

Mrs. Emery Cox of Bern, correspondent for The Sabetha Herald in that community reports the following about boys in the Navy: from that vicinity:

The Nipponese attack in the Pacific has struck "close home," to Bern and community residents. Parents, relatives, friends are anxiously waiting to hear from Bern boys in the war. James Simon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Simon is on the USS West Virginia, one of the ships reported sunk. John and Ben Streit sons of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Streit, are on the USS Tennessee right in the conflict. Galen Haffner, son of Alyce Havner on the USS Oklahoma; Alvin Gugelman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gugelman, and Harry Bieri, younger son of Sheriff and Mrs. Pete Bieri of Seneca are on the destroyer USS Hammon; Ira and George Bieri, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Bieri are also stationed in the war zone. Mrs. J. D. Sheik's nephew, Norman Dilworth in the army is stationed at Camp Ord, Calif, near one of the islands that has been attacked. Bob Baugh on the USS Beaver, stationed on the east coast, has just finished his time of enlistment and has "shipped over," navy term for re-enlisted and was to have been on his way home on Wednesday for a furlough when the war broke. Now he will likely be retained according to reports, Duane Simon, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Simon is also in the Navy and is now going to school in San Diego. Paul Wittwer, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Wittwer is in the Navy and is now stationed along the Atlantic coast. Business men of Bern displayed their patriotism by putting out flags Monday.

The Seneca Courier-Tribune reports the following on Navy men from Seneca and south Nemaha county. This is from the Monday paper.

George Ward of the Goff Advance in Seneca Monday, said that Billy Henery, Goff, son of Bill Henery now of Havensville, is listed locally as a soldier aboard the Oklahoma, attached by Japanese at Pearl Harbor Sunday.

There is no accurate count of local boys who are in Hawaiian or Pacific waters. Three civilians, Cyril J. Wassenberg, Fred Koelzer and Andrew Herold, are employed at or near Honolulu. Others believed to be in the Pacific fleet include Benny Koelzer, Frank Fangman, Art Sisco, Dwight Rickman, Richard Heideman, Leander Haug. Goff also lists Tommy Reed, Walter Furst, Harley Johnson, Kenneth Crandall, Gerald Moore and Jack Meeker.

Wm. Power, northwest of Baileyville, is on the USS Pensacola, Pearl Harbor.

Larkin Rucker, grandson of Mrs. W. G. Rucker, Seneca is with a crew of painters on Midway Island, reported bombed.



USS West Virginia burning (Wikimedia commons / public domain)

Saturday Night Genealogy Fun

Calling All [Genea-Musings](https://www.geneamusings.com/) See <https://www.geneamusings.com/>. Fans:

It's Saturday Night Again –

Time For Some More Genealogy Fun!!

Come on, everybody, join in and accept the mission and execute it with precision.

1) Today's challenge is to share memories of December holiday gatherings and celebrations with your families (as a child, a young adult, a parent, a grandparent, a great-grandparent, an aunt or uncle, a nibling, a cousin, an in-law)!

2) Pick two or three questions from the list in my blog post: [Ask AI: "What questions can I write about concerning family gatherings and celebrations during the December holidays?"](https://www.geneamusings.com/2024/12/ask-ai-what-questions-can-i-write-about-concerning-family-gatherings-and-celebrations-during-the-december-holidays?) See <https://www.geneamusings.com/2024/12/ask-ai-what-questions-can-i-write-about-concerning-family-gatherings-and-celebrations-during-the-december-holidays?>

Who traditionally hosted holiday celebrations in your family, and why?

As a child, Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners were always celebrated at my grandparents house. While we never discussed 'why' we always went to my grandparents, I'm guessing it is because they had a table big enough to seat everyone. Thus, I never experienced the 'child's table.'

Christmas morning began at our house on 5th street in Dodge City. However, we were not allowed to open any presents until grandma and granddad arrived. Sometime after the present opening, we ventured to my grandparents house on second avenue for Christmas dinner.



What dishes were a staple at your family's holiday celebrations? Who made them?

As a child, the menu for Christmas dinner rarely changed.

- Turkey and dressing
- Scalloped Oysters
- Mashed potatoes and gravy
- Candied (fried) sweet potatoes
- Cranberry jelly
- Green Beans
- Relishes
- Rolls and butter
- Pecan, Pumpkin and Cherry Pie

Were non-family members (e.g., friends, neighbors, or community members) invited to join your celebrations?

Often times, my grandmother Crawford would ask her friend Mary Hoffman to join us. At times, one of the college students who rented a room from my grandparents would also join us.

Did your family ever celebrate the holidays at a destination away from home?

We spent a few Christmas vacations in Texas. My parents wintered in Hondo Texas after they retired. One Christmas, they flew the family to San Antonio for Christmas.

A few years later, we flew again to Texas. This time it was to spend Christmas together in cabins outside of Austin, Texas (where my niece lived).



Was there a funny or memorable mishap during a holiday celebration?



Back: Dave, Terry, Mike, Matt — Front: Lauren, Sarah, Gene -05

Locked

Do you use the FamilySearch experimental labs site to obtain county records? If so, do you remember (or even realize) that locked records don't show in the results.

I had to remind myself of that fact when searching for records for [Cornelius Duggins](https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/LHRH-4K8). See <https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/LHRH-4K8>, grandson of my ancestor, Sarah Smith Duggins Crawford. While Cornelius was born, married and buried in Preble County, Ohio, he died in Henry County, Indiana. Thus, I expected to find records for Cornelius in both Preble County, Ohio and Henry County, Indiana.

Using the experimental labs site, a search for Cornelius Duggins in Ohio yielded 22 Preble county records.

Results (45)

Filters: Collection Year Place Record Type

Filter by Place

United States of America (45) Ohio (24)

Browse in Ohio

Butler (2) Preble (22)

Search

Keywords: Ex: "Jane Lee" or Car*

Name: "Cornelius Duggins"

Place: City, County, State, Province Year (Range): From

Search Tips

To reduce the number of search results, use the filter in the upper left under the Results number. You can also use the following in your searches:

- Find an exact word or phrase**
Use quotation marks. Example: "Henry Jones"
- Include a specific word or phrase**
Use the + symbol. Example: +Judith
- Exclude a specific word or phrase**
Use the - symbol. Example: -Judith

However, no records are listed for Indiana.

Results (45)

Filters: Collection Year Place Record Type

Filter by Place

Selected Filter: United States of America (45)

Browse in United States of America

Louisiana (1) Massachusetts (1) North Carolina (19) Ohio (24)

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An investigation of the FamilySearch catalog for Henry County, Indiana reveals the records are locked. (Note: The icon has changed from the camera with the key above to a camera with a small lock in the lower right corner.)

← BACK TO SEARCH RESULTS IN CATALOG PRINT LIST (0)

Probate complete record, 1828-1925, Henry County, Indiana ADD TO PRINT LIST

Authors
[Indiana, Circuit Court \(Henry County\)](#) (Main Author)
[Indiana, Probate Court \(Henry County\)](#) (Added Author)
[Indiana, Court of Common Pleas \(Henry County\)](#) (Added Author)

Format
Manuscript

Language
English

Publication Date
1993

Publisher
Filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah

Place of Publication
Salt Lake City, Utah

Physical
28 microfilm reels : 35 mm.

Notes
 Microfilm of records located at the Henry County Courthouse, New Castle, Indiana.
 Volumes include surname indexes.
 Probate causes were heard in the Probate Court, 1829-1853. In the Court of Common Pleas, 1853-1873, and in the Circuit Court, 1873 to the present time.
[View this catalog record in WorldCat for other possible copy locations.](#)

Subjects
 Locality subjects
[United States, Indiana, Henry, Probate records](#)

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Film/Digital Notes

Note	Location	Collection/Shelf	Film	Image Group Number (DGS)	Format
General index to estates 1873-1881	Family History Library	United States & Canada 2nd Floor Film	1888646 Item 3	7662930	
PROBATE COURT Complete record, v. A-B 1828-1844	Family History Library	United States & Canada 2nd Floor Film	1888647	7662931	
Complete record, v. C-D 1844-1849	Family History Library	United States & Canada 2nd Floor Film	1888648	7708891	
Complete record, v. E-F 1849-1852	Family History Library	United States & Canada 2nd Floor Film	1888649	7662933	

After a trip to my local affiliate library to view these records, I found 51 'records' for Henry County, Indiana.

It looks like you haven't started Firefox in a while. You want to clean it up for a fresh, like-new experience? And by the way, welcome back! [Refresh Firefox...](#)

FamilySearch Family Tree Search Memories Get Involved Activities

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Filtered Results (51) Fact View SEARCH

Place: United States of America, Indiana, Henry (51)

Filters: Collection Year Place Record Type

Henry, Indiana. Complete Probate Records 1842-1848

... Court, then personally came into open court **Cornelius V Duggins** Editor and publisher of the Indiana Conner ...
 ...and further says not. (Pr fee 250 wit fee so) **V Duggins** Sworn and subscribed to May 8th 1848 attest ...

Matches (3)

Henry, Indiana. Complete Probate Records 1844-1849

...said Court then personally came into open Court **Cornelius V Duggins** who being sworn upon his oath says that...
 ...in said County and further saith not **C V Duggins** Pr fee \$ 1.25 Sworn to and subscribed February 17. 1849. ...

Search

Keywords
Ex: "Jane Lee" or Car*

Name
"Cornelius Duggins"

Place
City, County, State, Prov

Year (Range)
From

Search Tips
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Find an exact word or phrase
 Use quotation marks. Example: "Henry Jones"
Include a specific word or phrase
 Use the + symbol. Example: +judith
Exclude a specific word or phrase
 Use the - symbol. Example: -john
Find different spellings
 Use the ? symbol. Example: jens?n will return jensen jenson
Find different forms of a root word

While at the library, I experimented with attaching a few of these records to Cornelius' profile. When I view the list of sources at home, I can see the citations.

1858 Henry. Complete Probate Records 1858-1861 November 7, 2024

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Tags
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Source Date
1858

Web Page (Link to the Record)
<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C9R3-4936-L?i=1&view=fullText&keyWords=Cornelius+Duggins%2CCornelius%2CDuggins&groupID=TH-909-49597-26006-20>

Indexed Information
 This record has not yet been indexed. [View the original document.](#)

Source Modified: [SEE CHANGES](#)
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Reason This Source Is Attached: [EDIT](#)
 estate record

Clicking on the 'View the original document' link goes to the source on the experimental labs site. The transcription is available but the image is missing.

The screenshot shows the FamilySearch website. The top navigation bar includes links for Family Tree, Search, Memories, Get Involved, and Activities. The user's name, Marcia Philbrick, is visible in the top right. The main content area displays a document transcription. The right sidebar contains options for Index, Full Text, and Group, along with a 'Full Transcript' section. The transcript text is as follows:

34 July Jan 1858 In the matter of the Estate of On final settlement of said Estate of **Cornelius Duggins** dee } Pleas began and held at the Court house in New Castle within and for the County of Henry and State of Indiana on Monday the fifth day of July in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and fifty Eight before the Honorable Martin L Bundy Judge of the Court of Common Pleas for the district composed of said County of Henry Be it

While at the library, I downloaded both the image and the pdf of the transcription. Thus, I have 51 documents to work thru.

- Proofread the transcription to make sure it is accurate
- Create an event in my RootsMagic file for the record and add the record as the source.
- Upload the sources I did not attach to Cornelius' profile
- Upload the images of the records to Cornelius' memory page
- Attach the images from the memory page to the respective source

While I have a lot of work to process these images, I am very thankful that the Seneca Free Library agreed to become an affiliate library.

War News

1941

Goff Has Defense Industry In Egg Packing Plant

[Goff Advance]

Goff and this rural community seem far removed from the maelstrom of death, suffering and bitter hatreds of war-torn Europe, yet that conflict and the need for sustenance of the allied forces of Democracy directly affect the lives of many people here. Since early May, the Goff Poultry and Egg Co. has been operating its egg breaking, canning, and freezing departments to full capacity, and present indications are that the demand will last right through the year.

For several years, the Goff packing plant did not operate its breaking room because of the low price of the product and slow demand. Now the urgent demand for good food (with eggs, dairy products, and meat at the head of the list) calls for all-out production and processing by the United States in its aid to England and nearly all eggs marketed in this section are being broken, canned, and frozen as fast as they are produced. The Goff P. & E. Co. shipped only a few cases of eggs in June in the shell, but many carloads of frozen eggs in the can. Practically all of this production goes to the allied forces. Some of the canned eggs will be evaporated or dried before shipping across the Atlantic to save weight—the water can be added later.

The payroll and the money required for cash purchases of five trucks operating out of the Goff plant direct to the farms requires a surprising amount of silver and currency. While the payroll runs to several thousand dollars a week, the larger egg and poultry purchases are made by check, it is necessary for the Goff bank to ship in money by registered mail regularly, and the amount required is many times that of smaller communities, and approaches some of the larger cities.

Manager C. H. Furst wishes his breaking and freezing capacity were many times larger. Ray E. Talley, veteran employee of the Goff plant, is foreman in charge of the Goff breaking room. O. V. Collins, who retired after many years of service a few years ago, is back in the harness and in charge of the breaking room of the Blue Rapids plant.

Courier Tribune (Seneca, KS) 14 Jul 1941

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Mystery Match

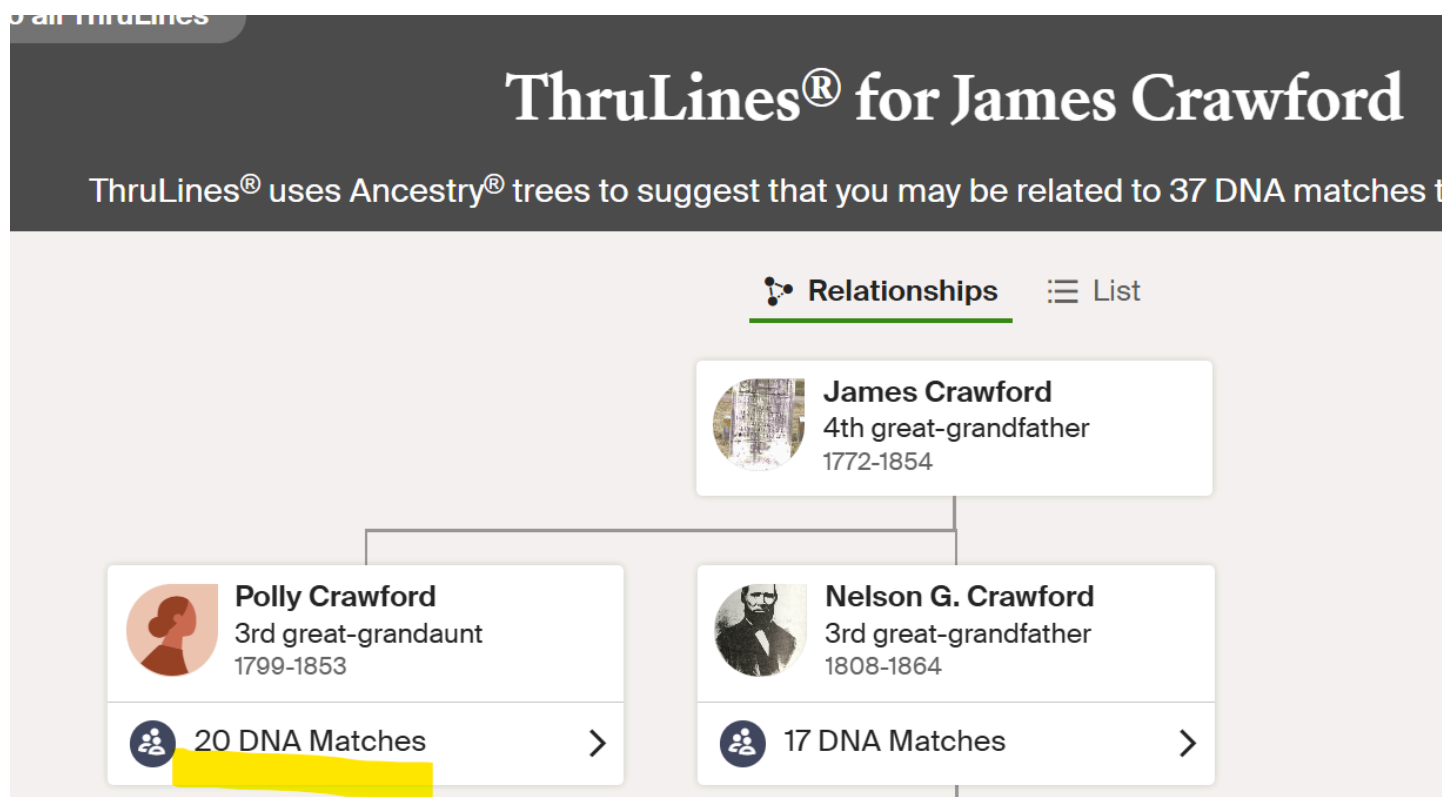
Do you have mystery DNA matches? Many of us have matches we can't yet connect to our family tree. But what about a match whose ancestor is already in your records, yet you still can't figure out how you're related?

That's exactly my situation with a match whose paternal line traces back to William Nelson Crawford. I've had William Nelson in my records for some time, as he descends from one of the "other" James Crawford lines—specifically, James Crawford and Martha (Knight) Crawford.

Interestingly, this match has taken a BigY test, which confirmed their relationship to another descendant of James and Martha. However, BigY places my Crawford line in a slightly different group. I've explored these BigY findings in detail in several previous blog posts:

- [yDNA Mystery](https://heartlandgenealogy.org/2023/01/03/ymdna-mystery/) See <https://heartlandgenealogy.org/2023/01/03/ymdna-mystery/>.
- [yDNA R1b-01A](https://heartlandgenealogy.org/2023/11/20/ymdna-r1b-01a/) See <https://heartlandgenealogy.org/2023/11/20/ymdna-r1b-01a/>.
- [Cladogram](https://heartlandgenealogy.org/2024/01/29/cladogram/) See <https://heartlandgenealogy.org/2024/01/29/cladogram/>.

Since I share DNA with this descendant of William Nelson Crawford on Ancestry, I'm working to uncover how we're connected. While I'd like to claim James Crawford (1770–1833) as my ancestor, the evidence suggests otherwise. I have numerous ThruLines matches pointing to James Crawford (1772–1854) of Preble County, Ohio, as the more likely Crawford ancestor.



Determining my connection to this mystery match becomes even more challenging when our shared matches seem to align with both the paternal and maternal sides of my family tree.

+ Group Search	
Your:	Crawford's:
+ Your: Half 3rd cousin 1x removed or 3rd cousin 2x removed 17 cM Maternal side	Crawford's: Half 3rd cousin 1x removed or 3rd cousin 2x removed 24 cM
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+ Your: Half 3rd cousin 1x removed or 4th cousin 16 cM Maternal side	Crawford's: Half 3rd cousin 1x removed or 3rd cousin 2x removed 32 cM
V	
+ Your: 4th cousin or half 3rd cousin 1x removed 16 cM Paternal side	Crawford's: 4th cousin or half 3rd cousin 1x removed 24 cM
Segments V	
+ Your: Half 3rd cousin 1x removed or 3rd cousin 2x removed 16 cM Maternal side	Crawford's: Half 3rd cousin 1x removed or 3rd cousin 2x removed 21 cM
V	
+ Your: Half 3rd cousin 1x removed or 4th cousin 15 cM Paternal side	Crawford's: Half 3rd cousin 1x removed or 3rd cousin 2x removed 24 cM
V	

Reviewing these shared matches, my notes suggest two possible ways I might connect to this mystery match:

- **Reed Line (maternal):** Through John Reed and his wife, Mary Buckles.
- **Crawford Line (paternal):** Via the Sellers connection—William Sellers and his wife, Sarah Crawford.

To dig deeper, my next steps will be:

1. **Apply DNA dots** to the best-known matches on my Reed line for visual organization.
2. **Conduct genealogical research:**
 - Explore the descendants of William and Sarah Sellers to determine why Sellers descendants appear as shared matches.
 - Investigate the descendants of John Reed's father, John Reed, to uncover a potential Reed connection to my match.

By following these steps, I hope to clarify the relationship pathways and resolve this mystery.

Foster Partition

Have you ever found a document that identifies children along with several of the grandchildren? That's what I found in a court record where Jeremiah Foster sues for partition of the estate of George Johnston on behalf of his children. This partition identifies the following family members:

George Johnston – wife Nancy

- Mary Johnston, wife of Jonathan Dresbach
- Jesse Johnston
- Elizabeth Johnston, wife of Jeremiah B. Foster
- James Johnston
- William Johnston
- Ephraim Johnston
- Wilson Johnston
- Joseph Johnston
- Rachel Johnston Jeffries and Elias Jeffries – names her son Hiram A Jeffries
- George Johnston – grandson

Jeremiah B. Foster children

- Richard Foster
- George J. Foster
- Ruema Foster
- Henry Foster
- Wesley Foster
- Hester Ann Foster
- Josiah J Foster

This lengthy document is found in Ross County Ohio court records.

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March Term AD 1852

Richard Foster

et al &

vs

James Davis Senr

et al

Pleas held at the Court House in the City
of Chillicothe , for the County of Ross and
State of Ohio , before the Honorable James
L Bates Judge of the Court of Common
Pleas for said County , on Tuesday March 16th
Sixteenth , in the year of our Lord one thou
sand eight hundred and fifty two .

Be it Remembered that on the 24th day of October A.D. 1851 Richard Foster et al & by their attorney filed in the clerks office of said Court their certain petition , which reads in the words and figures following , to wit :
” To the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Ross and State of Ohio ,
Your Petitioners Richard Foster , George J. Foster Ruema Foster ,
Henry Foster , Wesley Foster , Hester Ann Foster and Josiah J. Foster ,
all of the County of Warren and State of Indiana by their guardian
Jeremiah B. Foster , respectfully represents that on or about the
day of _ A.D. one George Johnston , of the said County of
Ross and State of Ohio , died seized and possessed of an estate in fee
Simple in fee simple , in the following land and tenements situate
in said County of Ross and State of Ohio and bounded and described
as follows , to wit ; First a certain tract or parcel of land situate in
said County of Ross and bounded and described as follows : Begin
ning at a stake on the West bank of the Scioto River from which a
Sycamore 36 inches in diameter bears N 58 degrees E 28 links , and another Sycamore 34 inches in diameter bears S. 44 degrees W. 127 links being the upper corner on the river of Survey No 488 – thence North 54 ° 13 ‘ West 932 poles to three white oaks and a hickory on a ridge , thence South 33 ° West 46 poles to a hickory , a small oak and a dead oak , thence South 46 degrees 6’ East 965 poles to a stake on the Scioto River near a large Sycamore and a black Walnut Stump ; thence up the river with its meanders and bounding there on North 36 ° East 59 3/4 poles , North 32 degrees East 75 poles , North 18 East 50 poles to the beginning containing Seven hundred and thirty one and

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one half acres be the same more or less , and being part of said survey No. 488 .
Also one other tract situate in said County of Ross and bounded and described

as follows , to wit ; Beginning at a Stake on the bank of the Scioto River from which two elms marked as a corner bear S. 44 degrees E. 2 poles , upper corner on the river to a lot of land set off to Thomas Johnston in certain proceedings by partition had in Ross Common Pleas among the heirs of John Johnston deceased ; thence with the lines of said Thomas Johnston 's lot North 44 degrees West 531 poles to a stake on a high bank , thence North 44 ° East , 8 poles to a stake on a high bank aforesaid corner to said lot – thence North 43 ° W. 453 poles crossing a branch at 71 poles , a road at 110 poles , a large branch at 190 poles , and one at 310 poles to a white oak and small black oak corner to said lot ; thence North 33 degrees East 15 poles to a small white oak and hickory lower back corner to George Johnston 's land ; thence with his line South 46 ° East 62 poles to a large Sycamore on the bank of the river lower corner on the river to John Ston 's said land ; thence down the river S 28 ° West 63 poles to the beginning . containing Two hundred & forty seven acres , more or less and being the same tract of land sold and conveyed by Nancy Chenowith to said George Johnston by deed dated the 8th day of October A.D. 1838

Also one other tract of land situate in said County of Ross and bounded and described as follows , to wit ; Beginning at a stake on the bank of the Scioto River upper corner , thence to the lot set off to Jemima Johnston , and from which a burr oak bears S. 38 degrees W. 2 1/2 poles and a Mulberry bears S. 44 degrees E 2 1/2 poles , thence North 42 ° West 539 poles to a Sugar tree from which a brick dwelling house bears S. 75 ° E. 6 poles and eight feet corner to said bot ; thence North 44 ° East 5 1/3 poles to a stake corner to said lot ; thence North 39 degrees 30 ' West 433 poles , crossing a branch at 81 poles , a road at 110 poles , a large branch at 208 poles and one at 312 poles to two hickories and a white oaks thence North 30 ° West 20 poles to three white oaks , two of them dead) and a dogwood lower back corner to pickering and Hodgin 's Survey No 488 ; thence North 33 degrees East 12 poles to a white oak and small black oak , thence South 43 degrees East 453 poles crossing a branch at 140 poles , a large branch at 260 poles , a road at 340 poles and a branch at 380 poles to a stake on a high bank above the bottom land ; thence South 44 ° West 8 poles to a stake on said bank – thence S. 44 ° East 531 poles to a stake on the bank of the river from which two elms marked as corners bear S. 44 degrees East 2 poles ; thence down said river South 28 ° West 12 poles , thence South 31 ° West 38 poles : thence South 44 ° West 10 poles to the beginning containing Two Hundred and thirty six acres more or less and being the same tract of land sold and conveyed by Thomas Johnston and wife to the said George Johnston by deed dated the 14th day of September A.D. 1841 . and which said three tracts lie and are

situate contiguous to each other and form one tract containing twelve hundred and fourteen and one half acres more or less

And your petitioners further represent , that the said George Johnston , in his lifetime , to wit ; on or about the 7th day of September AD. 1847

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made his last will and testament in writing , and which after his decease was on or about the the 10th day of February A.D. 1849 . duly proved , allowed and ordered to probate and record , by this Court , and was then and there by order of said Court duly recorded . That by said last will and testament the said George Johnston devised said real estate and premises herein before described and his said devises at and upon the decease of the said George Johnston and previous to their sale of their respective interests of part of said devise to one James Davis Senr as hereinafter stated held said real estate and premises as follows , Mary Dresback formerly Mary Johnston and wife of Jonathan Dresbach held by virtue of said devises in said will one equal undivided tenth part of said premises after deducting and paying the sum ten hundred and forty dollars .

Jesse Johnston held by virtue of said devises one equal undivided tenth part of said premises after deducting and paying nine hundred & twenty three dollars & sixty six cents , Elizabeth Foster , formerly Elizabeth Johnston and late wife of Jeremiah B Foster held by virtue of said devises , one equal undivided tenth part of said premises after deducting there from the sum of Eleven Hundred and fifty four dollars and thirty two cents

James Johnston held by virtue of said devises one equal undivided tenth part of said premises after deducting therefrom one thousand and two dollars and sixty five cents

William Johnston held by virtue of said devises one equal undivided tenth part of said premises after deducting and paying ten hundred and forty dollars .

Ephraim Johnston held by virtue of said devise one equal undivided tenth part of said premises after deducting ten hundred and forty dollars

Wilson Johnston held by virtue of said devises one equal undivided tenth part of said premises after deducting two hundred and twenty

one dollars & eighty nine cents

Joseph Johnston held by virtue of said devises one equal undivided tenth part of said premises after deducting one thousand and forty dollars , Niram A Jeffries son of Rachel Jeffries late Rachel John Ston held by virtue of said devises one equal undivided tenth part of said premises after deducting therefrom seven hundred and seventy dollars and Sixty four cents -Your petitioners would further state that in and by said will the said testator George Johnston devised to one George Johnston a grandson of said Testator one equal undivided tenth part of said premises after deducting therefrom Eleven hundred & forty dollars & thirty one cents , all which will more fully and at large appear by the record of said will in this Court , and that the said devisee departed this life previous to the death of the said testator whereby the said legacy and devise became lapsed and the said equal undivided one

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tenth part of said premises , upon the death of the said testator , descended to and became vested in the children and heirs at law of the said George Johnston the testator who held the same as tenants in common ,

Your Petitioners would further represent that the said George Johnston at his decease left the following children and heirs who were devisees of certain interests in said premises and held the one equal undivided tenth part devised in said Will to said George Johnston as tenants in common , to wit :

1 Mary Dresbach formerly Mary Johnston and wife of Jonathan Dresbach both of whom are resident of Fairfield County , Ohio .

2 Jesse Johnston who resides in Porter County Indiana

3 Elizabeth Foster formerly Elizabeth Johnston and who intermarried with one Jeremiah B Foster and who previous to her decease resided in Warren County Indiana

4 James Johnston who resides in Ross County , Ohio

5 William Johnston who resides in Ross County , Ohio .

6 Ephraim Johnston who resides in Ross County , Ohio

7 Wilson Johnston who resides in Ross Count

8 Joseph Johnston who resides in California

and 9th Niram A. Jeffries a son of Rachel Jeffries and Elias Jeffries the said Rachel being a daughter of said George Johnston and being with her husband the said Elias Jeffries deceased prior to the death of the said George Johnston , the said Hiram A. Jeffries being at this time a resident of California

Your petitioners would further state that by virtue of said devises in said will the said Mary Dresbach , Jesse Johnston , Elizabeth Foster , James Johnston , William Johnston , Ephraim Johnston , Wilson Johnston , Joseph Johnston , and Hiram A. Jeffries held each one equal undivided tenth part of said premises and by virtue of their heirship at law held each one ninth of the one tenth part of said premises devised in said will to the said George Johnston making the interest of each of said persons in said premises one equal undivided ninth part

Your petitioners would further represent that after the decease of the said George Johnston the testator , the said Elizabeth Foster wife of said Jeremiah B. Foster departed this life intestate still seized and possessed in fee simple of the said one equal ninth part of said premises which descended to and became vested in your petitioners who are the children and heirs at law of the said Elizabeth Foster and is now owned by them as coparceners in the following proportions , to wit :

To Rachel Foster one undivided seventh part of said ninth part of said premises

To George J Foster one undivided seventh part of said ninth part of said premises ,

To Ruma Foster one undivided Seventh part of said ninth part of said premises

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To Henry Foster one undivided Seventh part of said Ninth part of said premises

To Wesley Foster one equal undivided Seventh part of said ninth part of said premises

To said Hester Ann Foster one undivided Seventh part of said ninth part of said premises

to said Josiah J. Foster one undivided Seventh part of said ninth part of said premises ,

your petitioners would further state that since the decease of the said George Johnston , the said devisees and heirs Mary Dresback and Jonathan Dresbach , Jesse Johnston , James Johnston , William Johnston , Ephraim Johnston , Wilson Johnston , Joseph Johnston , and Hiram A. Jeffries sold and conveyed away all their right , title , interest and estate in said premises and their said several interests are now held and possessed by one James Davis.Senior , who resides in Pike County , Ohio , and who now holds by virtue of his said purchases , as coparcener with your petitioners , eight equal undivided ninth parts of said real estate and premises herein before described , Your petitioners would further represent that in and by said last will and testament the said George Johnston the testator aforesaid devised and bequeathed to his wife Nancy Johnston now a resident of Ross County aforesaid , in addition to certain personal property in lieu of her dower in said real estate the one third part of the rent of his (the said George Johnston 's) real estate to be paid to her annually during the life of his said wife Nancy Johnston by his executor ; and that the same is a charge upon the said land . Your petitioners would further state that since the decease of the said George , the said Nancy has sold and conveyed all her interest in said land by the way of rent charge or otherwise as far as the same affects the eight equal undivided ninth parts of said premises held and possessed by the said James Davis (who owns said eight undivided ninth parts free and clear from said encumbrance in said will made) and the said Widow Nancy Johnston now claims only the one third of the said annual rent of the one equal undivided ninth part of said premises held and possessed by your petitioners who hold the same subject to said rent charge . Your petitioners therefore pray that the said James Davis Senior who resides in Pike County and State of Ohio and the said Nancy Johnston who resides in Ross County , Ohio , be made parties defendants to this petition ; and your petitioners desiring to hold their said interest in said premises in severalty , pray that partition of said premises may be made and that the respective interest of each of your said petitioners in said premises may be set off respectively to

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each of them in severally subject to the said rent charge of the said Nancy Johnston aforesaid or if it shall appear that partition cannot without manifest injury , be made , then that the same may be sold or other order taken pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided

By Edward Lewis

Attorney for Petitioners

And afterwards , to wit : March 2nd AD. 1852 . " came the petitioners by their attorney and made publication of notice to the defendants in this case .

The following is the notice together with the proof of publication filed in this case March 2nd A.D. 1852 , to wit :

Ross Common Pleas , Ohio . Richard Foster , et al , by their Guardian , Jeremiah B. Foster , vs James Davis Senr , et al . Petition for partition Notice is hereby given to James Davis Senior of Pike County , Ohio , and Nancy Johnston , of Ross County , Ohio , that on the 24th day of October , A.D. 1851 Richard Foster , George J. Foster , Ruema Foster , Henry Foster , Wesley Foster , Hester Ann Foster , and Josiah J. Foster , (minor heirs and children of Elizabeth Foster , late of Warren County , Indiana , deceased , by their legally constituted guardian , Jeremiah B. Foster filed a petition in the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Ross and State of Ohio , where the same is now pending , demanding partition of the following lands and premises situate in said County of Ross and State of Ohio , and described as follows First . A certain tract or parcel of land situate in said County of Ross and bounded and described as follows : Beginning at a stake on the west bank of the Scioto river , from which a sycamore thirty six inches in diameter bears north 58 degrees , east , 28 links , and another Sycamore , thirty four inches in diameter bears south 44 degrees West 127 links , being the upper corner on the river of Survey No. 488 ; thence North 54 degrees 13 minutes , West 932 poles , to three white oaks and a hickory on a ridge ; thence south 33 degrees west 46 poles to a hickory , a small oak and a dead oak ; thence south 46 degrees , 6 minutes east 965 poles to a stake on the Scioto river near a large sycamore and a black Walnut stump ; thence up the river with its meanders and binding thereon north 36 degrees , east 59 3/4 poles , north 32 degrees , east 75 poles , north 18 degrees , east 50 poles to the beginning containing seven hundred and thirty one and one half (73 1/2) acres , more or less , and being part of survey No. 488 .

Second . Also one other tract or parcel of land situate in said County of Ross and bounded and described as follows , to wit : Beginning at a stake on the bank of the Scioto river , from which two elms marked as a corner bears south 44 degrees , east 2 poles , upper corner on the river to a lot of land set off to Thomas Johnston in certain proceedings by partition had in Ross Court of Common Pleas among the heirs of John Johnston deceased thence with the lines of said Thomas Johnston lot North 44 degrees , West 531 poles to a stake on a high bank : thence north 44 degrees

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east 8 poles to a stake on a high bank aforesaid , corner to said lot thence North 43 degrees , West 453 poles , crossing a branch at 71 poles a road at 110 poles a large branch at 190 poles and one at 310 poles to a white oak and small black oak , corner to said lot ; thence North 33 degrees east 15 poles , to a small white oak and hickory , lower back corner to George Johnston 's land ; thence with his line south 46 degrees , east 962 poles , to a large Sycamore on the bank of the river lower corner on the river to Johnston said land ; thence down the river South 28 degrees , West 63 poles , to the beginning , containing two hundred and forty seven (247) acres more or less , and being the same tract of land sold and conveyed by Nancy Chenowith to said George Johnston by deed dated the 8th day of October , A.D. 1838 .

Third . Also one other tract of land situate in said County of Ross , and bounded and described as follows , to wit ; Beginning at a stake on the bank of the Scioto river , upper corner thereon to a lot set off to Jemima Johnston and from which a bur oak bears south 38 degrees , West 2 1/2 poles , and a mulberry bears south 44 degrees , east 2 1/2 poles , thence north 42 degrees , West 539 poles to a sugar tree , from which a brick dwelling house bears south 75 degrees , east 6 poles and 8 feet , corner to said lot ; thence north 44 degrees , east 5 1/3 poles , to a stake corner to said lot ; thence north 39 degrees , 30 minutes , west 433 poles crossing a branch at 81 poles , a road at 110 poles , a large branch at 208 poles and one at 312 poles to two hickories and a white oak , thence north 30 degrees , West 20 poles , to three white oaks , (two of them dead) and a wood lowers back corner to Pickering and Hodgins survey No. 488 ; thence North 33 degrees , east 12 poles , to a white oak and small black oak ; thence South 43 degrees , east 453 poles crossing a branch at 140 poles , a large branch at 260 poles , a road at 340 poles and a branch at 380 poles , to a stake on a high bank above the bottom land : thence south 44 degrees , West 8 poles , a stake on said bank : thence south 44 degrees , east 531 poles to a stake on the bank of the river , from which two elms marked as corners bear south 44 degrees east 2 poles ; thence down said river south 28 degrees west 12 poles , thence south 31 degrees west 38 poles thence south 44 degrees west 10 poles to the place of beginning containing two hundred and thirty six (236) acres , more or less , and being the same tract of land sold and conveyed by Thomas Johnston and wife to the said George Johnston by deed dated the 14th day of September A.D. 1841 , and which said three tracts of land above described lie contiguous to each other , and form together one tract containing twelve hundred and fourteen and one half (1214 1/2) acres of land

The said petitioners above named demand that partition be made of said lands and premises as follows : to each of the said petitioners one equal seventh part of one ninth part of said lands and premises , subject to the annual payment to the said Nancy Johnston of one third part of the rent of the said one seventh part of the one ninth part of said premises , and to the said James Davis , senior, eight equal ninth parts of said lands and premises ,

At the next term of said Court of Common Pleas of Ross County , Ohio

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an application will be made by the said petitioners , for an order that partition may be made & c. of said premises . By
October 25th , A.D. 1851 .
Edward Lewis , Attorney for Demandants

Proof of Publication . " Ross Com . Pleas , Ohio . The State of Ohio Ross County S. S. Personally appeared in open Court George Armstrong the Editor and publisher of the Ancient Metropolis a newspaper printed and published in the County of Ross and State of Ohio and of general circulation therein , who being first duly sworn saith that the notice of which the annexed is a true copy was duly and regularly published in said Ancient Metropolis for the term of Six consecutive weeks commencing on the 25th day of October A.D. 1851

Geo . Armstrong

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this 2d day of March 1852

A. L. Fullerton , Clerk ,

And afterwards , to wit : on the 4th day of March A.D. 1852 . This cause

came on to be heard upon the petition notice of , and was argued by counsel for petitioners , in consideration whereof and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that due notice hath been given more than forty days previous to the present Term of the pendency and demand of said petition as required by law , and that the demandants have a legal right and estate in the premises described in the petition , and as therein set forth and no sufficient reason appearing why partition should not be made On motion to the Court by Edward Lewis Counsel for the plaintiff , it is ordered that by the oaths of Smiley Caldwell , James Vause , and James Rittenour judicious disinterested freeholders of the vicinity , one full equal third part of the annual rent of one ninth part of the lands in the said petition described , be assigned and set off to the said Nancy Johnston in lien of her dower estate under the will of , the said George Johnston deceased , and that by the like oaths of the same Smiley Caldwell , James Vause , and James Ritenour partition be made of said lands subject to said estate of said Nancy Johnston in the following proportions , to wit : To the said Richard Foster , George J Foster , Ruema Foster , Henry Foster , Wesley Foster , Hester Ann Foster , and Josiah J. Foster , each one equal Seventh of one Ninth part of said premises and to the said James Davis Senr eight ninth of said lands and premises , And it is further ordered that a writ of partition issue to the Sheriff of Ross County , Ohio , commanding him to cause said dower estate to be assigned and said partition to be made accordingly , and that he return his proceeding herein forthwith , and after wards , to wit : on the 8th day of March A.D. 1852 , a writ of Partition issued in this case , which said writ reads in the word and figures following , to wit : " The State of Ohio To the Sheriff of Ross County , Greeting : We command you that without delay , by the oaths of Smiley Caldwell , James Vance , and James Ritenour , you cause Nancy Johnston widow of George Johnston late

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of Ross County Ohio deceased to be endowed of one full third part of one ninth part of the following real estate situate in Ross County Ohio and bounded and described as follows , to wit : a certain tract or parcel of land situate in said County of Ross and bounded and described as follows . Beginning at a stake on the west bank of the Scioto River from which a Sycamore 36 inches in diameter bears N. 58 ° E. 28 links and another Sycamore 34 inches in diameter bears S. 44 ° W. 127 links being the upper corner on the river of Survey N. 488 . thence North 54 degrees 13' West 932 poles to three white oaks and a hickory on a ridge thence South 33 West 46 poles to a hickory a small oak and a dead oak – thence South 46 degrees 6 ' East 965 poles to a stake on the Scioto River near a large Sycamore and a black walnut Stump thence up the river with its meanders and bounding thereon North 36 ° East 594 poles North 32 degrees East 75 poles , North 18 ° East 50 poles to the beginning containing Seven hundred and thirty one and one half acres be the same more or less and being part of Survey No. 488 – Also the following tract of land situate in said County of Ross and bounded and described as follows , to wit : Beginning at a stake on the Bank of the Scioto River from which two elms marked as a corner bear S. 44 degrees E. 2 poles upper corner on the river to a lot of land set off to Thom as Johnston in certain proceedings by partition had in Ross Common Pleas among the heirs of John Johnston deceased, thence with the line of said Thomas Johnston 's lot North 44 ° West 531 poles to a stake on a high bank , thence North 44 ° East 8 poles to a stake on a high bank aforesaid ; corner to said lot , thence North 43 degrees W. 453 poles crossing a branch at 71 poles , a road at 110 poles a large branch at 190 poles and one at 310 poles to a white oak and small black oak corner to said lot ; thence North 33 ° East 15 poles to a small white oak and hickory lower back corner to George Johnston 's land ; thence with his line South 46 ° East 962 poles to a large Sycamore on the bank of the river lower corner on the river to Johnston 's said land : thence down the river S 28 ° West 63 poles to the beginning two hundred & forty seven acres more or less and being the same tract of land sold and conveyed by Nancy Chenowith to George Johnston by deed dated the 8th day of October A.D. 1838 . Also one other tract of land situate in said County of Ross and bounded and described as follows , to wit : Beginning at a stake on the bank of the Scioto River upper corner thence to the lot set off to Jemima Johnston and from which a hickory bears S 38 degrees W 2 1/2 poles and a mulberry bears S. 44 degrees E 2 1/2 poles , thence North 42 degrees West 539 poles to a Sugartree from which a brick dwelling house bears S 75 degrees E. 6 poles and eight feet corner to said lot , thence North 39 degrees 30 ' West 433 poles crossing a branch at 81 poles , a road at 110

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And also that in like manner and by the same and like oaths of the said Smiley Caldwell , James Vance and James Ritenour you cause partition to be made of the same lands subject to said dower estate among the following persons and in the following proportions to wit ; to said James Davis Senr eight equal undivided ninth parts of said lands and premises , and to the said Richard Foster , George J. Foster , Ruema Foster , Henry Foster , Wesley Foster , Hester Ann Foster and Josiah J. Foster each one equal undivided Seventh part of one ninth part of said lands and premises in pursuance of an order lately made in our said Court of Common Pleas within and for the said County of Ross in a certain petition for partition wherein Richard Foster et al , by their Guardian Jeremiah B Foster are petitioners and James Davis Senr et al are defendant ; and that your proceedings in the premises you distinctly certify under your hand to our Court of Common Pleas within and for the County of Ross together with this writ .

Seal Witness Angus L. Fullerton Clerk of our said Court of Common Pleas this 8th day of March A.D. 1852

Angus L Fullerton , Clerk

Sheriff 's the within Return , I have executed this writ by the oaths of the within named Smiley Caldwell , James Vause , & James Ritenour , whose report is hereunto annexed & returned , March 15th 1852 William K. McMillin , Sheriff of Ross County , Ohio Commissioners Report " We the undersigned , commissioners named in the writ hereunto annexed , after being duly sworn , and after viewing and examining the lands and premises in said writ described , do as sign to the said Nancy Johnston for her dower estate in the one ninth part of said estate the sum of One Hundred and seven

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dollars to be paid annually to her on the 1st day of October A.D. 1852 and each and every year thereafter on the said 1st day of October during the natural life of the said Nancy Johnston : And we are of opinion that said premises cannot be divided according to the command of this writ without manifest injury of the value thereof , and we do estimate the value of the one ninth part of said premises Subject to said dower estate at five thousand three hundred & ninety Seven dollars seventy seven cents , and we do estimate the whole of said premises at forty eight thousand five hundred & sixty dollars . Given under our hands this 13th day of March 1852

Smiley Caldwell ® J

James Vause Seal

James Ritenour ®

The State of Ohio , Ross County SS .

On the 10th day of March A.D. 1852

Smiley Caldwell , James Vance and James Rittenour the above named commissioners were duly sworn by me , to make partition of the lands in the annexed writ described and to assign dower in the same in pursuance of the order of the Court

William K McMillin , Sheriff Ross County

And now at this day , to wit ; on the day in the year and at the place hereinbefore first aforesaid mentioned , " On motion

to the Court by Edward Lewis counsel for the petitioners , and upon producing the proceedings of the Sheriff, and the report and proceedings of the Commissioner hereinbefore appointed , and the same being examined , it is ordered that said proceedings and report be and the same are hereby approved and confirmed ; and thereupon the said James Davis Senr electing to take said Estate at the said valuation , the said estate is hereby adjudged to the said James Davis Senr , and is ordered to pay to the said Richard Foster , George J. Foster , Ruema Foster , Henry Foster , Wesley Foster , Hester Ann Foster , and Josiah J Foster , their respective proportions of the appraised value thereof with in ten days from the rising of this Court , and upon the full and punctual payment by the said James Davis Senr of the same the said Sheriff is ordered to execute a deed in fee simple for the said estate to the said James Davis Senr according to the statute in such case made and provided , and it is further ordered that the costs and expenses of this suit taxed to dollars be paid within ten days from the rising of this Court , by the parties in the following proportions , to wit : the said James Davis Senr eight equal ninth parts of said costs , and by the said Richard Foster , George J. Foster , Ruma Foster Henry Foster , Wesley Foster , Hester Ann Foster , and Josiah J. Foster , each one seventh part of one ninth part of said Costs and in default thereof that execution issue therefor ,

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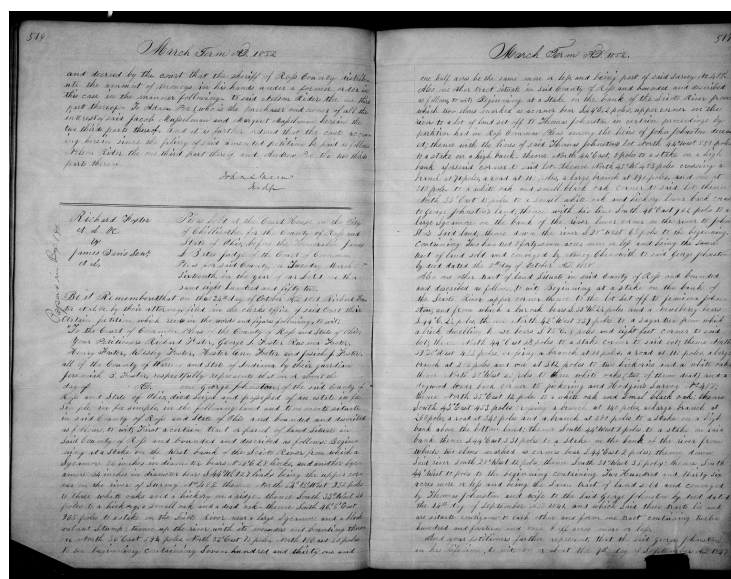
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John Green Judge

Papers in Box 141

Ross. Property Partition Records 1850-1852, 1852-1854, Court Records 1850-1852, 1852-1854

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Friday Find

Bert Mentzer's Death

Live Wire Kills Button Cutter
Burt Mentzer Accidentally Electrocutted Yesterday
110 Volts through Body
Victim Was Standing on Damp Floor and Touched Wire

Coroner's Inquest was asked but considered unnecessary by the physician

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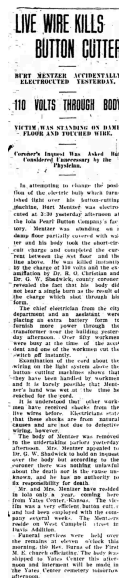
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Mr. and Mrs. Mentzer have resided in Iola only a year, coming here from Yates Center, Kansas. The victim was a very efficient button cutter and had been employed with the company several weeks. The Mentzers reside on West Campbell street in Davis Addition.

Funeral services were held over the remains at eleven o'clock this morning, the Rev. Burns of the First M.E. church officiating. The body was shipped to Yates Center this afternoon and interment will be made in the Yates Center cemetery tomorrow afternoon.

"Live Wire Kills Button Cutter," Iola Daily Register and Evening News (Iola, Kansas), 24 January 1919, page 1; digital image, Newspapers.com (www.newspapers.com : viewed online August 2018).



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Obituary

Clarence Albert Mentzer was born in Woodson county, Kansas, April 7, 1886, and died in Iola, Kansas, January 23, 1919, aged 32 years, 9 months, and 16 days.

He was the youngest son of George and Emmaline Mentzer, among the oldest residents of Woodson County.

He was a graduate of Yates Center high school and for several years taught in the public schools of the county, but at the time of his death was a resident of Iola.

He was a member of the Methodist church, being converted at the age of seventeen, and was faithful until his Master called him to a higher life.

He was married to Grace Graham May 7, 1913.

Bert was well known to most of the people of Yates Center and vicinity. He was a kind and loving son and husband.

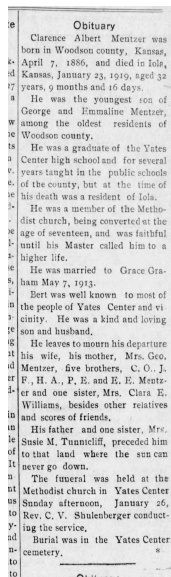
He leaves to mourn his departure his wife, his mother, Mrs. Geo. Mentzer, five brothers, C. O., J. F., H. A., P. E., and E. E. Mentzer and one sister, Mrs. Clara E. Williams, besides other relatives and scores of friends.

His father and one sister, Mrs. Susie M. Tunncliff, preceded him to that land where the sun can never go down.

The funeral was held at the Methodist church in Yates Center Sunday afternoon, January 26, Rev C. V. Shulenberger conducting the service.

Burial was in the Yates Center cemetery.

"Obituary," Woodson County Journal (Yates Center, Kansas), 30 January 1919, page 1; digital image, Newspapers.com (www.newspapers.com : viewed online 27 January 2020).

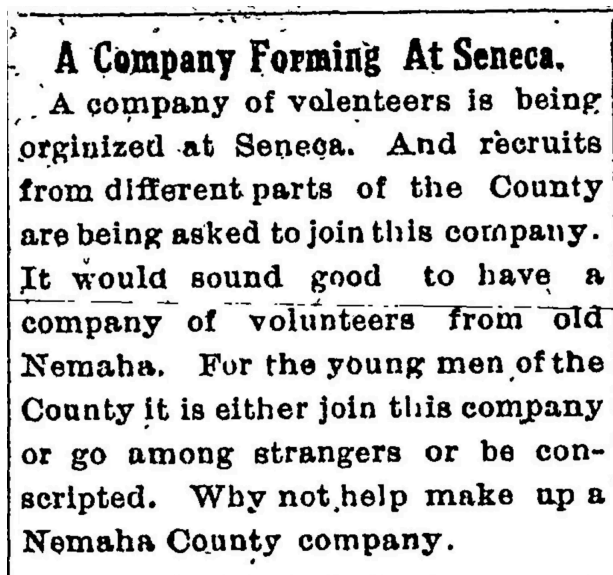


War News

A Company Forming At Seneca

A company of volunteers is being organized at Seneca. And recruits from different parts of the County are being asked to join this company.

It would sound good to have a company of volunteers from old Nemaha. For the young men of the County, it is either join this company or go among strangers or be conscripted. Why not help make up a Nemaha County company?



Corning Gazette (Corning, KS) 24 May 1917, page 1

Notice of Selective Draft Registration in Nemaha County, Kansas

The President has set the date of registration, June 5, 1917, which requires all male persons between the ages of 21 to 30 years inclusive, except those already in the Federal service, to present themselves for registration on the above date, at the usual voting place in the precinct, in the Township or Ward in which they reside. The Registration Booths to be open from 7:00 o'clock A.M. until 9:00 o'clock P.M.

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Sick Persons

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Saturday Night Genealogy Fun

Calling All [Genea-Musings](https://www.geneamusings.com/) See <https://www.geneamusings.com/>. Fans:

It's Saturday Night Again –

Time For Some More Genealogy Fun!!

Come on, everybody, join in and accept the mission and execute it with precision.

1) Today's challenge is to share memories of December holiday gatherings and celebrations with your families (as a child, a young adult, a parent, a grandparent, a great-grandparent, an aunt or uncle, a nibbling, a cousin, an in-law)!

Someone should have told me NOT to answer five of the questions last week! Thinking that Randy may likely use this same task next week, I'm going to expand on ONE question today.

Were there memorable gifts or surprises from your family's holiday history?

During my childhood, there was one 'gift' that always appeared under my grandparents tree on the 24th: a dozen roses!

However, the gift was not a Christmas gift. Instead it was a gift by my grandfather to my grandmother in honor of their wedding anniversary. On their first anniversary, he gave her one red rose. On the succeeding years, he added a rose until reaching the dozen roses. After that, a dozen roses appeared in their house on Dec. 24th, their wedding anniversary.

In December 1969, my grandparents celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. That year, my grandmother gave my grandfather a wedding band. Since he worked on the railroad, he had not worn a wedding band prior to that time.



PastPerfect

From Grammar to Museums: My Journey with PastPerfect Software

When you hear the term *PastPerfect*, what comes to mind? High school grammar lessons? Or perhaps museum software?

As a volunteer for the [Nemaha County Historical Society](http://nemahacountyhistoricalsociety.com/), I've taken a brief "detour" from my genealogical research to work with the society's [PastPerfect](https://museumsoftware.com/) database. Recently, the society received a grant from [Rainbow Communications](https://www.rainbowtel.net/) to upgrade our museum software to a web-based version. This upgrade will enable access to the database from any of the museum's buildings — a big step forward for efficiency and accessibility.

But before that can happen, there's a crucial task at hand: **data cleanup**. As I work my way through the process, I'm learning firsthand how museums catalog and classify items. This experience has given me a deeper appreciation for the behind-the-scenes effort required to maintain historical records. I also believe that the skills I'm developing will prove useful in my genealogical research, especially when it comes to organizing, cataloging, and accessing information.

While it's a "detour" from my usual path, I see it as an opportunity to contribute to the society while also enhancing my own research abilities. It's one more reminder that every piece of history — whether it's a museum artifact or a genealogical clue — deserves to be carefully documented and made accessible to future generations.



War News

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NEW SERIAL NUMBER LIST DRAWN YESTERDAY

For July 1 Service Registrants—A New National Lottery Soon

The Nemaha County selective service board yesterday shuffled the melon-colored cards on which 21-year-olds registered July 1, drew the cards, and gave them county serial numbers.

As in the case of the first registration, there will soon be a national lottery to determine order numbers, the order in which the serial numbers holders will be called to service.

The new order numbers are to be sandwiched in with the old, instead of being kept as a separate list, according to dispatches from Washington Monday.

Nemaha County already had a list of 1,705 order numbers from the registration of last October. This old list, starting No. 1, has been sifted to No. 163 in order to obtain the 25 men who have been sent to Ft. Leavenworth for induction. From order No. 162 to 1,705, there remains a reservoir of unsifted material, 1,543 old registrants.

There are 90 of the new registrants; a proportion of about 1 to 17 to those left in the "reservoir." After the order numbers are drawn for the new men, they could be sandwiched by starting with the old order number reached, No. 163, then going down the list 17 men, sandwiching in Order No. 1 from the new group, then going down the list another 17, then sandwiching in No. 2 from the new list and so on.

Meanwhile, the county serial number list is important to the next lottery for determination of order numbers. Here is the county second registration serial list:

1. Harold Otis Scoby, Sabetha
2. Lawrence Earl Howard, Wet...more
3. Donald K. Hall, Baileyville
4. John James Ada[ir], Seneca
5. William M. Duncan, Centralia
6. Richard Gale Randel, Corning
7. Joseph A. Enneking, Centralia
8. Eugene Harry Milne, Oneida
9. James C. Tomlinson, Corning
10. Wilbur Dale Hull, Goff
11. Hiram Arnold Sweet, Corning
12. Norman L. Levick, Wetmore
13. Alvin F. O'Connor, Centralia
14. Arthur S. Trimble Jr., Sabetha
15. Raymond D. Baton, Wetmore
16. Alvin J. Leuthold, Circleville
17. Ivan Leigh Arck, Sabetha
18. Charles T. Garber, Sabetha
19. Edward Lee S[weet], Bern
20. James Clayton Kyle, Sabetha
21. Joseph D. Rokey Jr., Sabetha
22. George W. Welch, Seneca
23. Lawrence F. McDaniel, Wetmore
24. Marvin F. Bauman, Sabetha
25. John Earl Welch, Goff
26. Edward C. Bauman, Oneida
27. Robert L. Ewing, Sabetha
28. Arthur W. Cotrell, Corning
29. Milburn R. Cone, Seneca
30. Matson J. Larkin, Baileyville
31. Lawrence L. Wintersheidt, Seneca
32. Leonard G. OEnbring, Baileyville
33. Valentine J. L. K[oehler], Oneida
34. Vincent H. [Ronnebaum], Baileyville
35. Leander I. S[?], Baileyville
36. Thomas A. C[?], Oneida
37. John W. S[?], Seneca
38. Leo F. Schmelzle, Seneca
39. Frank A. McGehee, Sabetha
40. Charles W. [Aeschliman], Sabetha
41. Virgil G. Altenhofen, Goff
42. Frank H. K[?], Baileyville
43. Thomas F. [Levick], Seneca
44. Donald J. C[?], Sabetha
45. LeRoy A. Strahm, Sabetha
46. Marion R. M[artin], Centralia
47. Wilbur J. H[?], Oneida
48. Joe Menold, Sabetha
49. Albert L. L[?], Goff
50. Edwin F. N[?] Kelly

51. Jared Grant K[?], Sabetha
52. Eldon A. Huerter, Sabetha
53. Clarence W. [Aschelmann], Seneca
54. Walter H. B[?], Sabetha
55. Donald B. Lehmkuhl, Oneida
56. Clarence H. Bech[], Sabetha
57. Leonard R. Aeschliman, Sabetha
58. Alvin E. Dickinson, Sabetha
59. Lloyd Edwin Smith, C[entralia]
60. Raymond J. Skoch, Baileyville
61. Clarence F. Hughes, Corning
62. Robert F. Skoch, Baileyville
63. Leonard Joseph Ronnebaum, Baileyville
64. Joseph H. Lierz, Baileyville
65. Ross Alfonso Clay, Onaga
66. Glen W. Cramer Jr., Sabetha
67. Robert Wesley Shaw, Seneca
68. Raymond P. Baskett, Sabetha
69. Gerald S. Keim, Sabetha
70. Daniel Edelman, Sabetha
71. Jacob Streit Jr., Seneca
72. Virgil Leslie McClain, Goff
73. Cecil L. Stalcup, Sabetha
74. Lewis L. Barret, Wetmore
75. Dale W. Goetsch, Seneca
76. Zillman P. Sheldon, Sabetha
77. Raymond L. McDaniel, Wetmore
78. Raymond D. Randel, Corning
79. Charles E. Mathews, Seneca
80. George A. Stenman, Seneca
81. Ross L. Frey, Sabetha
82. Orville A. Meeker, Seneca
83. Ivan Murrell Long, Centralia
84. Harold D. Schweitzer, Goff
85. Vernus A. Oenbring, Baileyville
86. Lambert John Haug, Seneca
87. Edward N. Pfrag, Goff
88. Elmer H. Niekamp, Baileyville
89. Norbert H. Burdick, Seneca
90. Howard M. Ze[dl?], Sabetha

Courier Tribune (Seneca, KS) 10 Jul 1941

**NEW SERIAL
NUMBER LIST**

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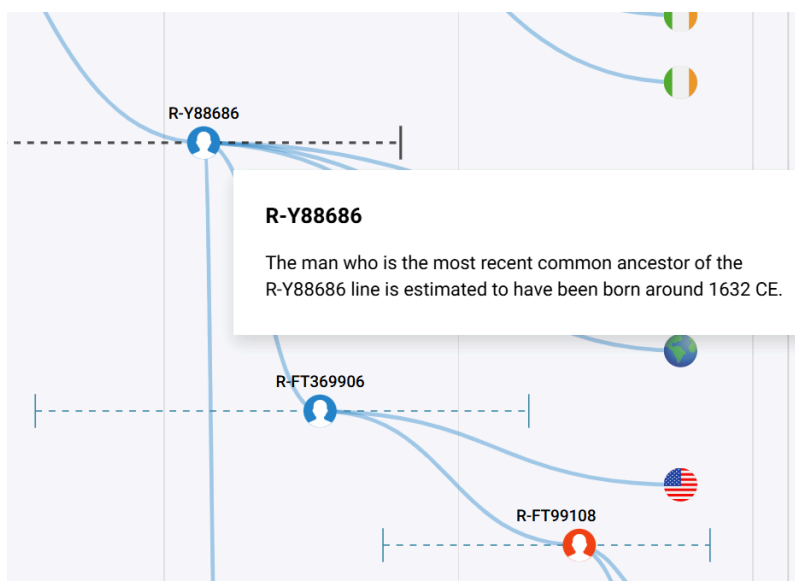
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Mystery Match Continued

Re-evaluating Crawford Connections to My Mystery Match

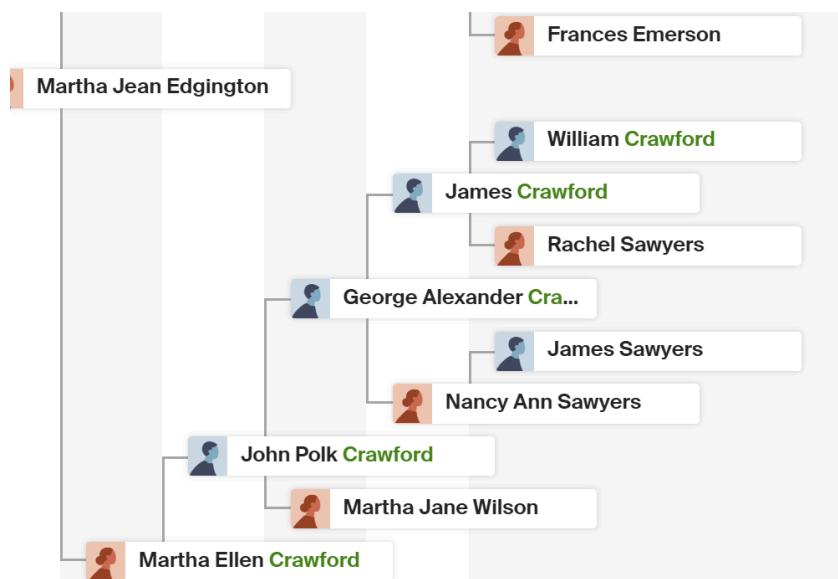
Have you ever considered that searching for common surnames in a match's family tree might not always help identify how you are related to a "[mystery match](https://heartlandgenealogy.org/?p=32469)"? See <https://heartlandgenealogy.org/?p=32469>. While my yDNA results confirm a relationship to my mystery match through my paternal CRAWFORD line, the Time Tree estimates this connection around 1632 CE.



Given this distant timeline, it is unlikely that my shared autosomal DNA with this individual is via our paternal CRAWFORD lines. My mystery match also has a maternal CRAWFORD line that traces through Alexander and Mary McPheeters, but my own paper trail research has not revealed any link to this particular Crawford line.

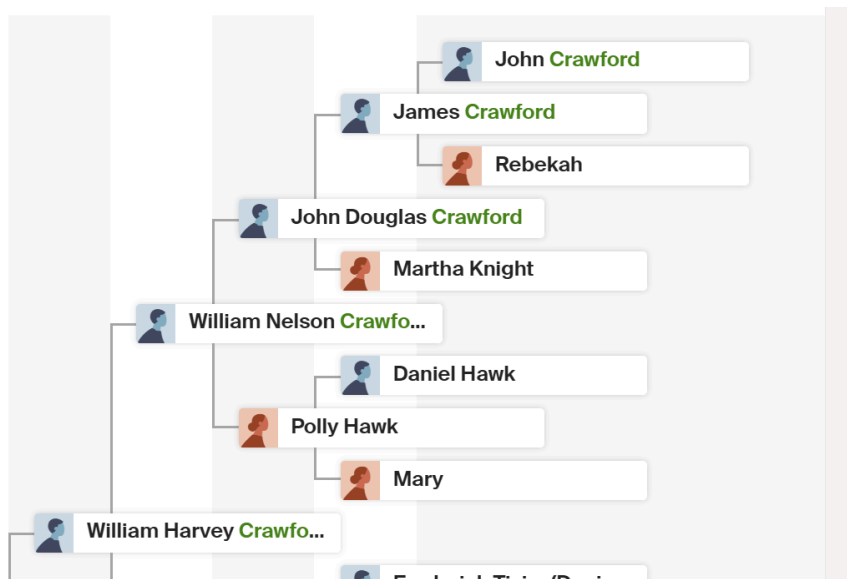
Crawford Connections in My Mystery Match's Tree

- **Maternal Line:** Connection to CRAWFORD via Alexander and Mary McPheeters.



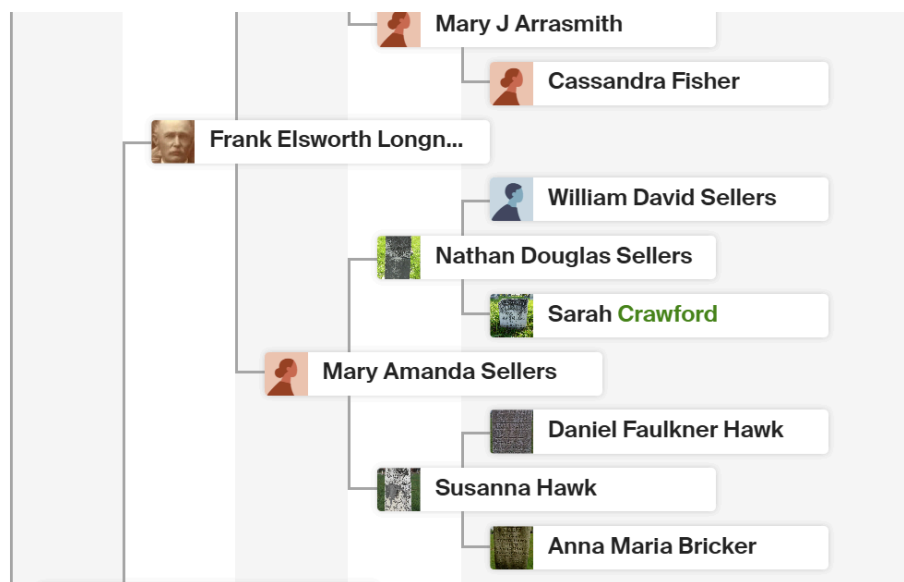
Mystery Match's Maternal line showing CRAWFORD connection

- **Paternal Line:** yDNA confirms connection to my paternal CRAWFORD line (estimated connection ~1632 CE).

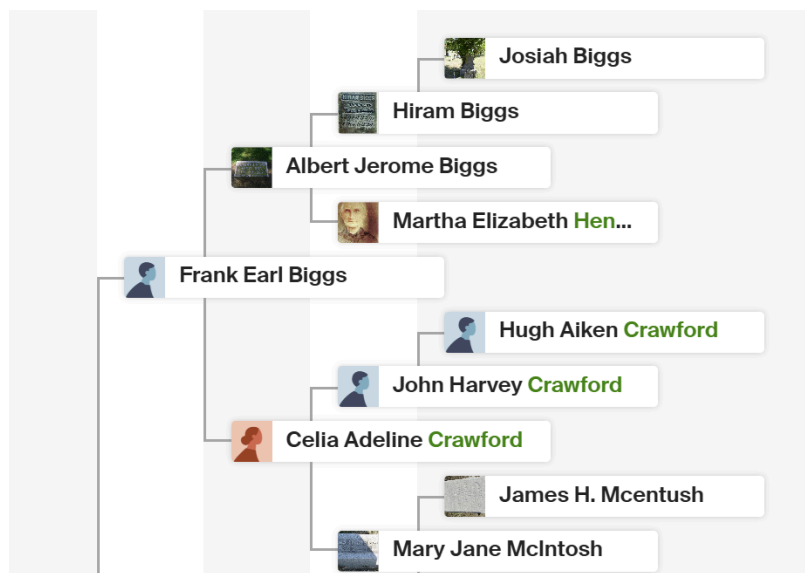


Mystery Match's paternal line showing Crawford connection.

In addition, several of the matches I share with this mystery match also have ties to CRAWFORD through Sarah Crawford, the wife of William Sellers.



Since my mystery match has a brother who has also tested, I reviewed the brother's shared matches. One of his shared matches also has a CRAWFORD line.



One notable Crawford connection is **Celia Crawford**, who married Albert Biggs in Warren County, Indiana. While I do have Celia Crawford in my genealogy file, I have not connected her to either of the two James Crawford lines in Warren County. This connection adds yet another layer of “mystery” to this already puzzling match.

Current Strategy

To better understand which branch of my tree connects me to this mystery match, I am using the **dot system**. Here’s how I’m approaching it:

- **Shared Matches with Mystery Match:** Applied dots to track these shared matches.
- **Best Known Matches (Paternal Grandfather’s Side – CRAWFORD/HAMMOND):** Applied dots for these shared matches.
- **Best Known Matches (Maternal Line – RICKETTS/REED):** Applied dots for these shared matches.

So far, I have not identified any clear connections between my best-known matches and this mystery match.

Next Steps

1. **Research Celia Crawford BIGGS:** Investigate her CRAWFORD ancestry to see if there is a link to one of the established Crawford lines in Warren County, Indiana.
2. **Expand Use of Dot System:** Apply dots for best-known matches on my paternal grandmother’s side of the tree.
3. **Contact the Mystery Match:** Reach out to see if they have made any progress or discovered new clues about our shared connection.
4. **Continue DNA Education:** Work through the [Your DNA Guide](https://www.yourdnaguide.com/) See <https://www.yourdnaguide.com/>. course to apply new techniques and strategies to solve this mystery.

By continuing to analyze shared matches, track patterns, and fill gaps in the paper trail, I hope to make progress in identifying the connection to this mystery match. If anyone has suggestions on how to approach this, I welcome your insights!

AI Helping Title Blog

Do you have a blog? If so, how did you come up with your blog title? My blog title comes from my first website that was hosted on GeoCities. I chose the name because I live in Kansas (the heartland) and was highlighting my genealogical research.

As a volunteer for the Nemaha County Historical Society, I am considering creating a blog to highlight their activities and/or holdings. While my Heartland Genealogy blog uses WordPress, I am planning to use one of the historical society's Google for nonprofit accounts and host the blog on Blogger.

The first step in creating a blog is to give it a name. Thus, I need to come up with a name. Since I couldn't think of a name, I asked ChatGPT for help. My first prompt and ChatGPT's response was

What would be a good blog title for a blog about Nemaha County Kansas history and genealogy?

Here are some ideas for a blog title about Nemaha County, Kansas history and genealogy:

1. **"Roots and Roads: Exploring Nemaha County's Past"**
2. **"Nemaha County Chronicles: Stories of Heritage and History"**
3. **"From Prairie to Present: Nemaha County Genealogy"**
4. **"Echoes of Nemaha: A Journey Through Time"**
5. **"Nemaha County Connections: Unraveling Family Histories"**
6. **"Harvesting History: The People and Stories of Nemaha County"**
7. **"Crossroads of the Past: Nemaha County Heritage Blog"**
8. **"Prairie Legacies: Nemaha County's Families and Founders"**
9. **"Nemaha Roots: Discovering Family Ties in Kansas"**
10. **"Stories in the Soil: Unearthing Nemaha County's History"**

Would you like me to refine or expand on any of these?

While I liked all of the suggestions, I felt like they fit a personal blog versus one by the historical society. So I turned to ChatGPT for some more help.

Prompt: Would you suggest the same blog titles if the blog was hosted by the Nemaha County Historical Society?

If the blog is hosted by the **Nemaha County Historical Society**, the titles should reflect its authority and focus as a historical institution. Here are adjusted suggestions:

1. **"Nemaha County Historical Society Blog: Roots and Roads"**
2. **"Chronicles of Nemaha: By the Historical Society"**
3. **"Nemaha County Heritage: Stories Preserved by the Historical Society"**
4. **"Prairie Legacies: From the Archives of the Nemaha Historical Society"**
5. **"Nemaha County History Blog: Curated by the Historical Society"**
6. **"Voices of Nemaha: Historical Society Insights"**
7. **"Echoes of Nemaha: Treasures from the Historical Society"**
8. **"Nemaha County Chronicles: A Historical Society Perspective"**
9. **"From Past to Present: Nemaha County's Stories by the Historical Society"**
10. **"The Nemaha Narrative: History and Genealogy by the Historical Society"**

These titles emphasize the Historical Society's role as the steward of local history, adding credibility and purpose to the blog. Would you like more options tailored to a specific tone or audience?

While these are all excellent suggestions, I chose "Nemaha County Chronicles: A Historical Society Perspective".

The second step in creating this blog is to create the domain name. While I was going to use "nemahachronicles.blogspot.com", I asked ChatGPT for its suggestions.

If the title Nemaha County Chronicles is used, what would you suggest for the domain name for a blogger blog (ends in .blogspot.com)?

If you want to use **Nemaha County Chronicles** as the blog title, here are some concise and memorable domain name suggestions for a Blogger blog:

1. **nemahacountychronicles.blogspot.com**
2. **nemahachronicles.blogspot.com**
3. **nemahacountyhistory.blogspot.com**
4. **nemahachronicle.blogspot.com**
5. **chroniclesofnemaha.blogspot.com**
6. **nemahacountyblog.blogspot.com**
7. **nemahahistory.blogspot.com**
8. **nemahastories.blogspot.com**
9. **nemahaheritage.blogspot.com**
10. **explorenemaha.blogspot.com**

The first few options are closest to your blog title, while others provide slight variations in case the exact match is unavailable. Would you like assistance checking availability?

Since ChatGPT was providing good advice for this new blog, I decided to ask it what themes it would suggest.

For a blog hosted by a historical society, the theme should reflect the historical and genealogical focus while maintaining professionalism and readability. Here are some **Blogger theme suggestions** and ideas for customization:

Recommended Themes:

1. **Emporio**
 - Clean, grid-based layout suitable for showcasing blog posts.
 - Customizable with sepia tones or vintage fonts to evoke a historical feel.
2. **Contempo**
 - Elegant and modern with bold headers.
 - Use muted, earth-tone colors to align with a heritage theme.
3. **Notable**
 - Professional, simple, and easy to navigate.
 - Add custom banners or images of historical landmarks for personality.
4. **Simple**
 - Minimalist and timeless, ideal for text-heavy blogs.
 - Perfect for adding historical society branding without overwhelming design elements.
5. **Ethereal**
 - Gentle and visually appealing.
 - Its soft tones and spacious design work well for reflecting history and genealogy.

Customization Tips:

- **Fonts:** Use vintage-style fonts for headings (like Georgia or Playfair Display) while keeping the body text readable with sans-serif options.
- **Color Palette:**
 - Earthy tones like sepia, beige, brown, and muted greens evoke historical warmth.
 - Accent with shades of burgundy or navy for a timeless, scholarly touch.
- **Header Image:** Add a custom header featuring an iconic Nemaha County landmark, archival document, or historical photo.
- **Sidebar Widgets:** Include quick links to archives, genealogical resources, and upcoming events.

Would you like guidance on customizing a theme or choosing specific images for branding?

I am thankful to ChatGPT for its help, but am still processing whether to create a new blog or to try and incorporate blog posts into the current website.



Genealogy Books

The Value of Old Genealogy Quarterlies and Cemetery Inscriptions

Do you read Michael John Neill's *Genealogy Tip of the Day* posts? One of his recent posts, "[Those Old Genealogy Quarterlies](https://genealogytipoftheday.com/index.php/2024/12/10/those-old-genealogy-quarterlies/)See <https://genealogytipoftheday.com/index.php/2024/12/10/those-old-genealogy-quarterlies/>," reminded me of the valuable resources hiding in plain sight on my own bookshelves — namely, the county record books I've collected over the years.

While investigating my *Mystery Match*See page ., I revisited my copies of *Warren County, Indiana Cemetery Inscriptions*. [[Available at FamilySearch Library](https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/195520)See <https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/195520>.] Thanks to the highlights I had previously made for my ancestral surnames, I was able to quickly scan through the books for any mention of William Nelson Crawford's parents. While searching for Crawfords, I noticed numerous entries for the FOSTER surname — which wasn't a complete surprise since my FOSTER line also traces back to Warren County.

What did surprise me, however, was finding the BRILES and RICKETTS surnames highlighted as well. These names are on the maternal side of my tree, while the CRAWFORD and FOSTER lines are paternal. This realization helped me better understand how I might share both paternal and maternal DNA with my *Mystery Match*.

As I continued browsing Volume 3, I came across an intriguing entry for *Charles Crawford*See <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/96443414/charles-h-crawford>., listed as the son of *J. H. and E. J. Crawford*. This detail was helpful but not conclusive, as I needed more information to confirm his connection to my family tree. Interestingly, the arrangement of the tombstone inscriptions provided an additional clue. Since the cemetery books record tombstones in relation to each other, I noticed that Charles was buried near *Amelia and John Swisher*, not among the other CRAWFORD headstones. This placement reinforced the theory that *Charles Crawford (1861-1861)* was the child of *James H. Crawford* and *Eliza Jane Swisher Crawford*.

SWISHER, Amelia <u>WRIGHT</u> , w/o John	d. 8/20/1851	44y	21d
SWISHER, John	d. 5/06/1853	49y	2m 12d
CRAWFORD, Charles H., s/o J.H. and E.J.	d. 10/22/1861		7m 26d
CROW, Abraham Lincoln, s/o Wm. and Martha	d. 9/25/1861	1y	2m 17d
CROW, infant s/o Wm. and Martha	d. 8/13/1849		5d
PUGH, Mary Jane, d/o John P. and Margaret	d. 3/26/1847	4y	8m 4d
MILLER, infant d/o S.M. and D.	d. 12/06/1858		2m
SMITHE, Elizabeth, d/o L. and R.	d. 12/26/1850		10m 23d
SMITHEY, Mary C., d/o _ and R.	d. 3/09/1850 (60)		21d
PUGH, John P.	d. 2/28/1849	32y	2m 14d
SPENCER, Manford E., s/o Joseph and M.A.			

These cemetery books are invaluable for more than just identifying names and dates. They also preserve information from tombstones that have since disappeared. I learned this lesson firsthand during my first visit to *West Lebanon Cemetery*. I distinctly remember seeing a *SMITH* stone on the east side of the walkway, directly across from my CRAWFORD ancestors. But when I returned several years later, the SMITH stone was gone. Thankfully, the inscription had been recorded in Volume 2 of the *Warren County, Indiana Cemetery Inscriptions*.

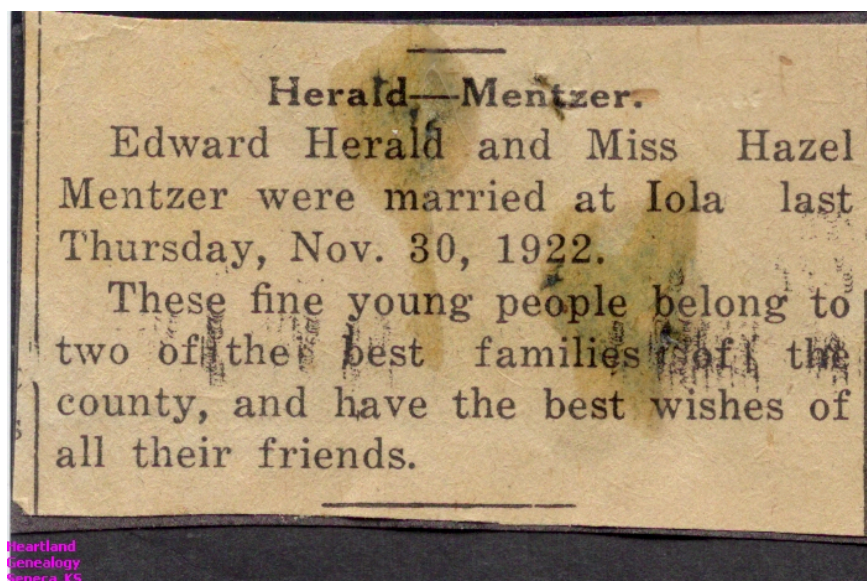
CRAWFORD, Infant c/o N.G. and M.	d. 4/08/1842		
CRAWFORD, Infant s/o N.G. and M.E.	d. 11/22/1859		17d
CRAWFORD, Mary E.	d. 6/03/1880	44y	7m 26d
CRAWFORD, Wm.	d. 11/06/1880	24y	11m 14d
CRAWFORD, Nelson G.	10/17/1808 - 3/21/1861 or 1864		
CRAWFORD, Martha A., w/o N.G.	8/03/1815 - 8/01/1871		
BIGGS, Elizabeth, w/o Joseph's son	d. (1)/ /1842	(78y)	7m) 1d
MONG, David	d. 12/25/1855	57y	1m 15d
GRANT, Elias P., s/o T.J. and M.A.	d. 8/13/1853		7m 15d
GRANT, Sarah A., d/o T.J. and Mary A.	d. 10/09/1859		5m 18d
GRANT, Infant d/o T.J. and M.A. b.&	d. 10/15/1860		
GRANT, Mary A., w/o T.J.	d. 10/19/1860	35y	7m 15d
GRANT, Nancy E., w/o J.F.	d. 9/2(0)/1885	34y	11m 26d
GUIN, Hamilton	d. 11/26/1852	41y	9m 21d
PUGH, George	8/22/1789 - 7/18/1867		
PUGH, Elizabeth, w/o Geo.	10/01/1805 - 11/26/1897		
ROY, William, s/o L. and M.	d. 6/28/1880		7m 5d
ROY, Susan, d/o L. and M.	d. 9/27/1881		1m 21d
ROY, Bertha, d/o L. and M.	d. 8/02/1883		26d
ROY, Anna M., d/o L. and M.	d. 9/20/1877		1m 14d
ROY, Georgie, s/o L. and M.	d. 7/17/1879		8m 15d
ROY, Levi	3/02/1840 - 3/15/1910		
ROY, Minerva, w/o Levi	5/31/1848 - / /		
ACRES, Mary A.	d. 12/03/1840	4y	3m 1d
Stone by C. Meeker			
CRAWFORD, William C.	d. 11/06/1868	24y	11m 14d
SMITH, Hannah	d. 5/10/1847	56y	7m 16d
HIATT, Elizabeth, w/o Isom	d. 12/16/1839	33y	2m 25d
BIGGS, Joseph	d. 2/20/1840	75y	

Interestingly, no *Hannah Smith* appears as a burial in Warren County, Indiana, on *Find a Grave*. This suggests that the cemetery book may be the only remaining record of her burial. Based on my memory of the stone's location, I theorize that *Hannah Smith* might be the mother of *Martha Smith Crawford*, but further research is needed to confirm this connection.

These experiences are prime examples of why older genealogy books and quarterlies are still essential resources. Unlike online databases, they often contain unique information, like stone placements, missing tombstones, and context that can't be found elsewhere. For me, these books have proven to be more than

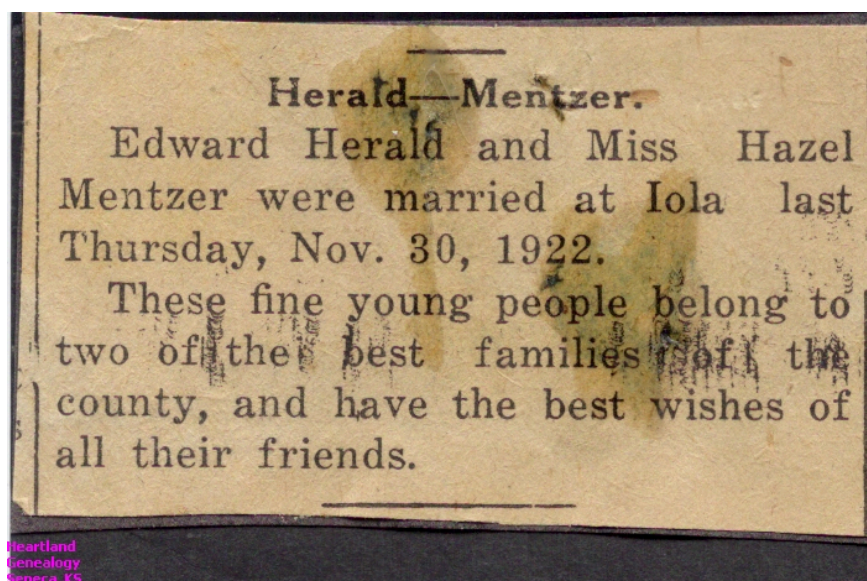
just dusty tomes on a shelf — they are a vital link to the past.

Friday Find



Do you have old newspaper clippings in your files? If so, do you know the name and date of the paper they came from? I was fortunate to 'inherit' several newspaper clippings from my grandmother. While most of these clippings lack sourcing details, they still offer valuable insights into events in my family members' lives. Because of this, they've earned a permanent place in my collection.

Today's discovery is one such clipping. It documents the marriage of Edward Herald and Hazel Mentzer, providing a glimpse into their story.



Since digitized records and newspapers aren't available, I decided to take on the challenge of not only locating this article but also uncovering additional documentation.

My first step was to check FamilySearch for a digital copy of the actual marriage license. Although the catalog indicated that 1922 marriage licenses for Woodson County were available, I discovered it was only a database entry, not an image of the record.

▼ United States, Kansas, Woodson - Vital records (5)

Marriage records, 1860-1922

Author: Kansas. Probate Court (Woodson County); Woodson County (Kansas). County Clerk; Kansas. County Court (Woodson County)

Hazel A. Mentzer

Mentioned in the Record of [Edward R. Herold](#) (Hazel A. Mentzer's Husband)
Vital • Kansas Marriages, 1840-1935

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Name Hazel A. Mentzer
Age 26
Birthplace resident of Yates Center, Kansas
Sex F

Hazel A. Mentzer's Spouses and Children CLOSE ALL

Edward R. Herold		Husband		M	32	resident of Yates Center, Kans.
Name	Edward R. Herold					
Sex	Male					
Age	32					
Birth Year (Estimated)	1890					
Spouse's Name	Hazel A. Mentzer					
Spouse's Sex	Female					
Spouse's Age	26					
Spouse's Birth Year (Estimated)	1896					
Event Type	Marriage					
Event Date	30 Nov 1922					
Event Place	Woodson, Kansas, United States					
Event Place (Original)	Iola, Kansas, United States					
Event Place Note	License issued at Yates Center, Woodson Co., Kansas					
Source Details	427					
Reference	Item 1					

Document Information ▼

Collection Information
[Kansas Marriages, 1840-1935](#)

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Next, I turned to Newspapers.com, knowing that many 1922 Kansas newspapers had been digitized on the platform. My search yielded six articles from Kansas newspapers in 1922 that mentioned Hazel Mentzer.

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LOCATIONS WITH MATCHES

I found an article that matches my clipping in the 8 Dec 1922 issue of the Yates Center News.

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The Yates Center News
 Fri, Dec 08, 1922 · Page 9

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The remaining articles come from various newspapers in Woodson and Allen counties. Several of these provide additional details about the marriage that were not included in the clipping my grandmother saved.

For instance, the *Woodson County Advocate* (8 Dec 1922 issue) includes information about the issuance of the marriage license.

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The December 1, 1922 issue of the Iola Register contained a brief article with a long article about the wedding in the issue dated December 15, 1922.

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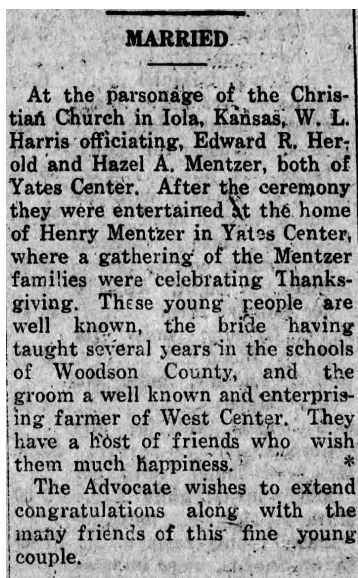
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At the parsonage of the Christian Church in Iola, Kansas, W. L. Harris officiating, Edward R. Herold and Hazel A. Mentzer, both of Yates Center. After the ceremony, they were entertained at the home of Henry Mentzer in Yates Center, where a gathering of the Mentzer families were celebrating Thanksgiving.

These young people are well known, the bride having taught several years in the schools of Woodson County, and the groom a well-known and enterprising farmer of West Center. They have a host of friends who wish them much happiness.

The *Advocate* wishes to extend congratulations along with the many friends of this fine young couple.



Although my original clipping is brief, it served as a valuable lead, guiding me to other sources that provide more detailed documentation of Hazel Mentzer and Edward Herald's marriage.

This blog post was created with the assistance of ChatGPT, which helped enhance the quality of my writing and transcribed the newspaper articles featured in this post.

World War I War News

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Corning Gazette (Corning, Kansas), 31 May 1917, page 1

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Saturday Night Genealogy Fun – Dear Santa

Calling all Genea-Musings Fans:

It's Saturday Night again –

Time for some more Genealogy Fun!!

(Photo courtesy of footnoteMaven)



Come on, everybody, join in and accept the mission and execute it with precision. Here's your chance to sit on Genea-Santa's lap (virtually) and tell him your Christmas genealogy-oriented wish list:

1) Write your 2024 Genea-Santa letter. Have you been a good genealogy girl or boy? What genealogy-oriented items are on your Christmas wish list? They could be family history items, technology items, or things that you want to pursue in your ancestral quest.

Dear Genea-Santa

While I'd love to say I've been the perfect genealogy enthusiast this year, I must admit that I haven't quite reached my 2024 genealogy goals. However, what I may lack in checked-off goals, I've more than made up for in learning and growth. This year has been a treasure trove of discoveries and new skills.

I've explored FamilySearch's Experimental Lab search to uncover records and ventured into the world of Artificial Intelligence (AI) to enhance my research and blogging. It's been an exciting journey of blending traditional methods with cutting-edge tools.

Additionally, I've embraced opportunities to develop my genealogy skills. I participated in #NotAtRootsTech2024 and regularly tune in to [Mondays with Myrt](https://www.youtube.com/@DearMYRTLEArchive) See <https://www.youtube.com/@DearMYRTLEArchive>. To sharpen my DNA expertise, I've enrolled in several classes and have been diving deep into this fascinating area of research.

When it comes to my genealogy office, I'm fortunate to have the technology and resources I need. However, Santa, if your sleigh has room for a little magic, could you encourage our local Internet provider to accelerate the rollout of fiber connections throughout the community? It would be a gift for all of us!

There is one special "tool" I'd love to see for our local historical society: a [Vivid-Pix Memory Station](https://www.vivid-pix.com/memorystation/) See <https://www.vivid-pix.com/memorystation/>. This would be an invaluable asset as we work to preserve and share our community's rich history.

Of course, if you're capable of miracles, I do have a wish list for my research:

- The identity of the father of James Crawford (1772–1854, husband of Sally Duggins)
- The death date and place of Hiram Currey, former Treasurer of the State of Ohio
- The death date and place of Hiram Currey, a lawyer in Peoria County, Illinois

No matter what surprises await on Christmas morning, I'll continue diving into my family tree and sharing my findings with others. Here's to another year of uncovering the stories of the past, one branch at a time.

Marcia

AI Christmas Letter



Do you send a Christmas letter? If so, do you find it hard to write? I know that I often skip such a letter for that very reason. This year, I decided to ask ChatGPT for help.

I provided the following as a prompt for ChatGPT

Can you write a Christmas poem from the viewpoint of two retired educators (Mike and Marcia) who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 2024 using the following information:

Chaos of remodeling – joy of remodeled home
 50 years together on this life journey
 50 years living in Seneca – Grow where planted
 Recent death of Mike's mother, JoAnne
 Trek across backroads of northeast Kansas to see the Sunflowers
 Sunflowers – image used on Marcia's blog, Heartland Genealogy
 Family historians – Mike works on his family sharing on Facebook; Marcia works on her family sharing on her Heartland Genealogy blog, Ancestry and WikiTree
 Mike cared for a bountiful garden – sharing with neighbors
 Marcia wrote daily blog posts – making "best" lists from time to time
 Volunteer in the community: Mike on library board; Marcia on historical society board
 Volunteer in church: Mike films worship service weekly posting to YouTube; Marcia creates script for screen used during worship each week
 Civic Duty – Mike assisted county clerk with process to validate election results; Mike contributed to the Story Behind the Stars project on Fold3; Marcia worked on the Purple Heart project with Seneca being recognized as a Purple Heart city

Always learning – Marcia experiments with AI and DNA results

In less than 5 minutes I had a poem formatted in Word ready to photocopy. Below is the poem.

A Christmas Reflection from Mike and Marcia

'Twas the season of Christmas in the year '24,
 Where memories and milestones knocked at the door.
 From the chaos of remodeling to a home made anew,
 A labor of patience with a breathtaking view.

Fifty years as partners, as husband and wife,
 Fifty years growing strong in this shared life.
 Seneca—our home—where we've rooted so deep,
 "Grow where you're planted," a promise we keep.

The sunflowers called from the Kansas backroads,
 Golden seas dancing in nature's own code.
 Their faces turned upward with radiant grace,
 Just like Marcia's Heartland Genealogy space.
 Stories unearthed from branches once hidden,
 On Ancestry, WikiTree—family tales unwritten.

While Marcia's fingers tap keys every day,
 Blog posts and "best" lists come forth in array.
 Mike, ever the gardener, tends earth with care,

Sharing fresh harvests with neighbors so fair.
Tomatoes, cucumbers, and greens did abound,
As gratitude echoed from all those around.

But this year's journey had moments of grief,
We said goodbye to Joanne, her presence now brief.
Her legacy lives in each heart she's embraced,
Her love a bright light that will never be erased.

We're always still learning, as seekers of truth,
Volunteers in our church—a path set from youth.

Mike's camera rolls as worship takes flight,
While Marcia's scripts guide each Sunday's insight.
Beyond sacred walls, civic duty called too,
Mike's steady hand helped elections stay true.
He also honored the fallen, their sacrifice great,
With Story Behind the Stars, he'd commemorate.
Marcia's efforts made Purple Heart pride grow,
With Seneca's honor in a heartwarming glow.

Library and history—both anchors of old,
Mike on the board where new stories unfold.
Marcia's keen eye on the past's golden thread,
Keeps the tales of our town from being misread.
Together, they're stewards of stories and lore,
From the soil of the past, fresh dreams they restore.

AI and DNA—Marcia's new frontier,
Experimenting with tools to make matches clear.
Bubble groups and color codes organize the way,
Unlocking new family ties every day.

So here at year's end, with reflections so clear,
We're thankful for family, for friends gathered near.
For fifty rich seasons as partners in time,
For journeys on backroads where sunflowers shine.
A remodeled home—a reminder so strong,
That love, like good lumber, endures all along.

As Christmas lights twinkle and the new year draws close,
We'll savor the gifts that this year has disclosed.
To grow where you're planted, to give and to share,
To cherish the moments—the simple and rare.

Merry Christmas from Mike and Marcia—a pair full of grace,
May joy fill your heart and may love find its place.

Merry Christmas

Michael and Marcia



Surname Tree



CRAWFORD

BRILES CURREY MENTZER

HAMMOND HUTCHINSON RICKETTS

WELLS FOSTER RALSTON BURKE HARDING THOMPSON

CHRISTY MINNICK CRANDALL SMITH OSTRANDER FISK McCORMICK

HARRIS BLAND MERRY FOWLER RUSH EVANS REED GALLIMORE MILES

JONES KENNEDY NAFUS SMITH BROWNING FORBES HALE ARNOLD BARR HALL REAGAN

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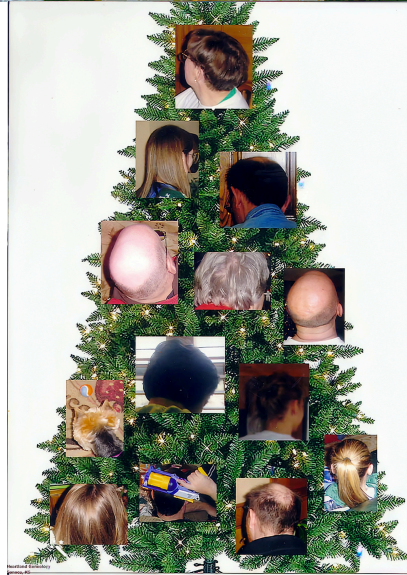
CARPENTER

As this is Christmas eve, I'm going to incorporate a Christmas theme by sharing my 'surname tree'.

Christmas Memories



Heartland Genealogy
Greene, KS







Merry Christmas

Boxing Day



Do you celebrate Boxing Day? I knew that December 26th was Boxing Day, but I didn't fully understand how it was celebrated. Curious to learn more, I turned to Google and discovered its rich history rooted in charitable giving and generosity.

The origins of Boxing Day can be traced back to the 16th century and are rooted in British history:

- **Gifts to servants and tradespeople:** The upper class would give leftover food, money, and goods to their servants and tradespeople as a token of appreciation for their service throughout the year.
- **Alms boxes:** Boxes were placed in churches to encourage people to donate to the poor.
- **Tips for the working class:** The working class would look for tips from people on the day after Christmas.

The name "Boxing Day" may come from the practice of giving these boxes as gifts or from the opening of alms boxes.

Other aspects of Boxing Day's history include:

- It's also known as St. Stephen's Day, which honors the first Christian martyr who helped the poor.
- In recent years, there has been a renewed interest in the day's charitable aspect, with many people volunteering or donating to charities.

Supporting charities is undoubtedly important, but I believe that becoming a member of — or volunteering for — a local genealogical or historical society is equally vital. These societies rely on dedicated volunteers to handle the behind-the-scenes work of collecting, preserving, and maintaining local records. Without these efforts, valuable historical information could be lost forever.

In addition to the hard work of volunteers (and, in some cases, paid staff), these organizations need financial support to properly house, protect, and preserve these records for future generations.

I firmly believe that every genealogist should be a member of at least one genealogical society. To explore this idea further, I asked Perplexity, "*Why should someone researching their family history join a local genealogy society?*" The response offered some valuable insights.

Joining a genealogy society offers numerous benefits for individuals researching their family history. Here are some compelling reasons to consider:

Networking Opportunities

Being part of a genealogical society allows members to connect with others who share similar research interests. This networking can lead to valuable collaborations, as members may have insights or resources related to the same geographical areas or surnames being researched. Engaging with fellow genealogists provides a support system, enabling members to brainstorm solutions to research challenges together[1][2].

Access to Resources

Many societies maintain unique libraries and databases that are exclusive to their members. These resources often include indexed records, publications, and transcriptions that can significantly enhance personal research efforts. By joining a society, members can tap into these collections, which might not be accessible elsewhere[1][3][9].

Educational Workshops and Conferences

Genealogy societies frequently host workshops, meetings, and conferences that focus on various aspects of genealogical research. These events provide opportunities for skill-building and learning from experienced speakers. Participants can gain insights into record navigation, research

methodologies, and new technologies in genealogy, which can be instrumental in advancing their research[1][3][6].

Publications and Journals

Membership in a genealogy society often includes access to exclusive publications, newsletters, and journals that document local histories and genealogical findings. These materials can serve as crucial references for researchers looking to deepen their understanding of specific areas or families. Additionally, members may have the chance to contribute to these publications, enhancing their own skills while giving back to the community[1][3][9].

Community and Support

Joining a genealogical society fosters a sense of community among members who share a passion for family history. This camaraderie not only provides moral support during challenging research phases but also creates friendships with like-minded individuals. Many societies organize social events and outings, further enriching the member experience[8][9].

In conclusion, joining a genealogy society can greatly enhance an individual's research capabilities while providing essential support and resources. The collaborative environment encourages learning and sharing, making it an invaluable asset for anyone serious about uncovering their family history.

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In the spirit of Boxing Day, why not honor the tradition of giving by joining a local historical or genealogical society? Your support helps preserve the past for future generations.



Golden Anniversary



My [Valentine's Day 2024](https://heartlandgenealogy.org/2024/02/14/happy-valentines-day/) See <https://heartlandgenealogy.org/2024/02/14/happy-valentines-day/>. post shared information about how long my ancestors were married. Today, I get to add my brother and his wife to the list of those celebrating Golden wedding anniversaries. Following my Crawford line back, they are the 4th generation to celebrate 50 years of marriage.

Parents

- Eugene Crawford and Robert Briles were **married 55** years when Eugene passed away.

Grandparents

- Leon Crawford and Winnie Currey — married Dec 1919; They were **married 56** years before Leon passed away in Oct. 1976.
- Edward Osmond Briles and Pauline Mentzer were married Oct 1915. They were married 40 years when Edward passed away. Pauline never remarried.

Great Grandparents

- Judson Crawford and Josie Hammond were married Dec 1890. They were **married 58** years when Judson passed away. In my great grandmother's journal is a poem she wrote about their [Golden Anniversary](https://heartlandgenealogy.org/2023/03/13/josies-ledger/) See <https://heartlandgenealogy.org/2023/03/13/josies-ledger/>.
- Hiram Currey and Winnie Hutchinson were married 22 years when Winnie passed away. Hiram never remarried
- Edward Grant Briles and Frances Artliss "Artie" Ricketts were married in Feb 1890. They were married **57 years** when Artie passed away.
- Charles Mentzer and Nettie Wells were married in Oct 1893. They were married 46 years when Nettie passed away.

2nd Great Grandparents

- Washington Marion Crawford and Mary Foster were married in March 1860. They were married 29 years when Washington Crawford passed away. Mary Crawford never remarried.
- Richmond Fisk Hammond and Sarah Ellen Ralston were married in Jan 1867. They were married 25 years when Sarah passed away. Richmond married Mary McClure in 1897. In 1906, Richmond married Mary Reynolds.
- Hiram M Currey and Angelina Jane Burke were married in 1856. They were married 44 years when both Hiram and Angelina passed away.
- Albert Hutchinson and Julia Harding were married in 1859. They were married 33 years when Julia passed away in 1892. Albert passed away in 1896.
- Noah Briles and Sarah Thompson were married in August 1866. They were married 13 years when Noah passed away. Sarah married J. D. Davis but later divorced him.
- James Marshall Ricketts and Rachel Christy were married Jul 1866. They were **married 54** years before James passed away in 1920. Rachel passed away 7 years later.
- George Mentzer and Emeline Minnick were married in 1867. They were married 45 years when George passed away in 1912. Emeline never remarried.
- Thurston Kennedy Wells and Salme Adell Crandall were married in May 1861. They were married 35 years when they both passed away. This was Thurston's second marriage after the death of his first wife, Sarah Hall.

3rd Great Grandparents

- Nelson G. Crawford and Martha Smith were married in 1833. They were almost married 32 years when Nelson passed away. Martha never remarried.
- Zebulon Foster and Caroline Ostrander were married in 1833. They were married 38 years when Caroline passed away. Zebulon then married Juliet Fleming.
- Horatio Hammond and Louisa Fisk were married in 1825. They were married 49 years when Louisa passed away in 1874. Horatio died in 1879.
- James Barr Ralston and Nancy Jane McCormick were married in 1836. They were **married 68 years** when James passed away in 1904. Nancy died three years later.
- Hiram M. Currey married Rachel Harris in 1824. Death dates are unknown since records cannot be found for 1850 or later.

- Henry F Burke married Elizabeth Bland in 1835. They were married 10 years when Henry passed away. Angelina may have remarried but documentation has not been found.
- William G Harding and Elizabeth Fowler were married in 1830. They were married 16 years when Elizabeth passed away. William then married Eliza Henderson.
- Alexander Briles married Sarah Rush in 1836. They were married 36 years when Sarah passed away. Alexander then married Elizabeth Ellsworth.
- William Taylor Thompson and Polly Ann Evans were married in 1842. They were married 46 years when Polly passed away in 1896. William died in 1898.
- John Lewis Ricketts and Orilda Reed were married in 1846. They were married 42 years when John passed away in 1888. Orilda died in 1900.
- Samuel Christy and Lyda Gallimore were married in 1842. They were married 22 years when Lyda passed away. Samuel then married Mariah Burk and Mary Susan Amos.
- Phillip Andrew Mentzer and Orinda Miles were married in 1816. They were married 29 years when Phillip passed away.
- John Minnick and Elizabeth Mary Jones were married before 1850. They would have been married at least 16 years when Elizabeth passed away. John then married Phebe Tripp in 1870.
- Ozias Wells and Mary Keneedy were married in 1818. They were married 14 years when Ozias passed away.
- A marriage date for Lewis Crandall and Almira Nafus is unknown at this time. Almira passed away prior to 1846 when Lewis Crandall married Anna Tuttle.

Counting my parents, I have SIX sets of ancestors married for 50 years. The longest marriage in my tree was for James Barr Ralston and Nancy Jane McCormick.

War News

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Every County in State Required to Furnish Its Quota to Army.

INTEREST IN THE EXEMPTIONS

But Nobody Yet Has a Hint as to What the Government Will Require.

Topeka. — Every county in Kansas must furnish its share of soldiers in the national army. The secretary of war will play no favorites in regard to localities. As soon as the registration is completed next Tuesday, the President will appoint local county exemption boards to determine which young men shall go to war and which shall stay at home.

In ninety-nine counties of the state the members of the present county registration boards will be appointed by the President as members of the exemption board. In Kansas City, Kan., the present registration board will remain as an exemption board, and two additional exemption boards will be created for that city. One additional board will be created for Topeka and Wichita. Montgomery and Crawford counties will each have two exemption boards. Other counties in the state will have but one board each.

While the regulations for exemption have not yet been formally issued, information has reached here from Washington that each county will be required to furnish its quota of troops for the new army. The number will be based upon the population. Under the call, Kansas will supply about 10,000 troops for the first army, exclusive of the national guard and the regular army.

The various counties will not be given credit in the drafted army for the number of men they have furnished the regular army or the national guard. However, Kansas will be given credit for all the Kansans who go into the army, no matter in what branch of the service.

The war department has also indicated that it wants both the regular army and the national guard recruited up to full war strength, so it is not likely that any order will be issued forbidding men to volunteer, even though they have registered under the draft.

Much interest is manifested in regard to exemptions. At this time it is impossible to state what reasons for exemption will be considered good. The President has intimated that all men with families dependent upon them for support or men who can be of more service to their country on the farm or in the shops than in the army will be exempted.

from the 14 Jun 1917 issue of the Corning Gazette

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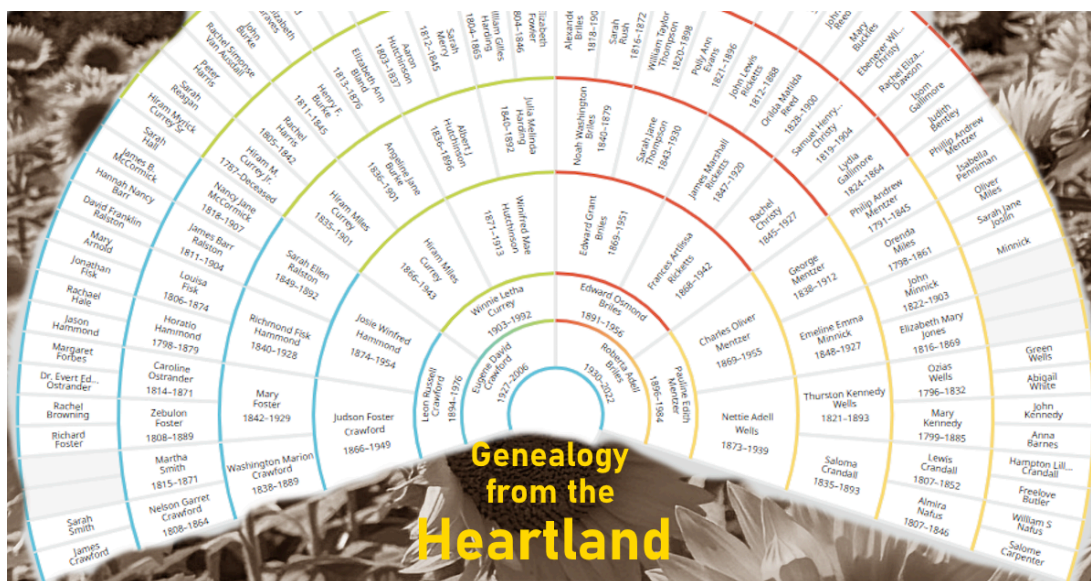
1) Was Genea-Santa good to you? What genealogy gifts did you receive for Christmas this year?

My Genea-Santa doesn't wait for Christmas—he's generous all year long by:

- Renewing my subscriptions to various genealogy-related sites,
- Supporting me in maintaining this blog, and
- Giving me the freedom to research to my heart's content.

This Christmas, Genea-Santa brought me two special “gifts”: a gentle reminder and a dose of courage. First, I was reminded that the menus on my blog didn't work on mobile devices. Armed with newfound courage, I decided to change my blog's theme—a daunting task at first. Along the way, I discovered the importance of using featured images. Thanks to these “gifts,” my blog now has a fresh new look, and, most importantly, the menus work seamlessly on cell phones!

2024 Stats



Genealogy Research Insights

Have you ever used SMART goals? If so, you know that the “M” stands for measurable. In genealogy research, one way to measure progress is with a straightforward yes/no question: Was the record located? However, to gain a broader perspective on whether I’m meeting my goals, I like to dive into statistics.

As I mentioned in last year’s [Tracking Growth](https://heartlandgenealogy.org/2023/12/29/tracking-growth/) post, numbers can sometimes be misleading. While my family tree is mostly complete through six generations, my work is far from done. I’m constantly researching descendants or searching for records to provide additional documentation and validation.

RootsMagic

	12/25/2023	12/26/2024
People	23959	25493
Families	7876	8343
Events	80157	86381
Places	10968	11901
Sources	6025	6347
Citations	28176	29733
Media Images	14650	15617

Ancestry Tree

	12/25/2023	12/26/2024
People	23312	24742
Photos	21111	22992
Documents	1911	1966
People with hints	3880	2610
Hints	32230	23032
Record Hints	22566	16391

Ancestry DNA Matches

	Me	Me	Brother1	Brother1
	12/25/2023	12/26/2024	12/25/2023	12/26/2024
Maternal	56893	59068	64474	67084
Paternal	67887	70399	76742	79578
Both	380	379	281	281
Unassigned	2116	2233	2307	2413
Total	127276	132079	143804	149356

	Brother2	Brother2	Mom	Mom
	12/25/2023	12/26/2024	12/25/2023	12/26/2024
Maternal	57880	60081	29224	30341
Paternal	71615	74339	55029	57092
Both	341	341	276	275
Unassigned	1884	1993	1377	1436
Total	131720	136754	85906	89144

YDNA

	Brother1	Brother1	Brother2	Brother2	4th cuz	4th cuz
	12/25/2023	12/26/2024	12/25/2023	12/26/2024	12/25/2023	12/26/2024
BigY	30	32	29	31	29	31
111	30	31	30	31	25	25
67	68	68	68	68	45	45

mtDNA

	12/25/2023	12/26/2024
Matches	437	460
Distance Zero	11	12

Although these are just numbers, they can spark valuable observations and raise important questions:

For instance, while it may feel like Ancestry hints are never-ending, the statistics show progress—I have been steadily working through them.

When comparing the yDNA results for my brothers, I noticed a potential need for further investigation. First, did I record their data accurately? If so, who appears on Brother1's list of BigY matches but is missing from Brother2's list?

Similarly, comparing the yDNA results of my brothers to my 4th cousin raises additional questions. Who shows up on my brothers' match lists but is absent from my 4th cousin's list at the 67- and 111-marker levels? These discrepancies suggest there's more digging to do.

These observations and questions remind me that genealogy is an ongoing journey of discovery. Numbers and statistics provide useful insights, but they also highlight areas where further investigation is needed. Whether it's working through Ancestry hints, verifying yDNA results, or exploring discrepancies in match lists, each step brings me closer to understanding the full picture of my family history.

Genealogy is as much about asking the right questions as it is about finding the answers—and that's what keeps the process so exciting.

Detoured



GENEALOGY GOALS

Did You Meet Your Genealogy Goals for 2023?

As I reflect on 2023, I must admit that most of my genealogy goals went unmet. However, my research journey took some fascinating detours that brought unexpected learning and discoveries.

The first detour began after *RootsTech 2024*, when [FamilySearch's Experimental Labs](https://www.familysearch.org/en/labs/)See <https://www.familysearch.org/en/labs/>. opened to researchers. Since then, I've spent countless hours exploring these new tools, diving into records, and searching for those elusive Crawfords and other ancestors in my tree.

Another detour also traces back to *RootsTech 2024*. Inspired by several sessions led by [Your DNA Guide](https://www.yourdnaguide.com/)See <https://www.yourdnaguide.com/>., Diahan Southard, I've immersed myself in her webinars and courses. These have significantly improved my skills in working with DNA matches. As a result, I've dedicated much of my time this year to untangling relationships and gaining deeper insights into my genetic connections.

My third detour unfolded last spring when Randy Seaver and other genealogists began sharing their experiences with AI. (See [Randy's AI Compendium](https://www.geneamusings.com/p/artificial-intelligence-posts.html)See <https://www.geneamusings.com/p/artificial-intelligence-posts.html>.) Since then, I've embraced AI as a tool to enhance my research and writing. From transcribing newspaper articles to editing my blog posts, AI has become an invaluable assistant. Recently, I even used it to write my Christmas letter!

Although I didn't achieve the goals I initially set for 2023, this year has been anything but unproductive. These detours have enriched my skills and brought new opportunities for discovery. It's been a year full of learning, growth, and unexpected successes in genealogy.